



Everyone here at **The GEM** wishes all our readers and advertisers a very peaceful Christmas. We are now taking a festive break and will not be publishing next week, but we will be back again on Thursday, January 5.



## 'INCENSED! HOSPITAL CAR PARK FINES HIT BARRY RESIDENTS

by **GEM** REPORTER

RESIDENTS have contacted The GEM claiming unjust parking fines have been issued at Barry Hospital.

A new system is in operation, in which drivers visiting the hospital are meant to punch in their car registration number at the reception.

The health board says the new system is designed to put patients and genuine visitors first.

The new system is operated by a company called Parking Eye. People are in danger of being fined if they fail to log in their registration number.

A camera records people driving in and out of the car park.

Mr Ernest Roach took his wife for an appointment at the hospital and ended up paying a £40 fine when he had only been in the hospital for just over half an hour.

He said he didn't enter his registration number because he thought people were only charged if they stayed longer than four hours.

"On Tuesday, December 6, I arrived at the hospital and was unable to use the disabled parking area, so I had to use the main car park."

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## SANTA IS THE CHOIR'S NEW BOY, THANKS TO THE GEM!



SANTA was a surprise visitor at Barry Male Voice Choir's last rehearsal before its well-earned Christmas break.

Santa is hoping to join the choir and explained: "I read about the choir's recruitment campaign in the Lapland edition of The GEM. It seemed just the sort of choir for me."

"I'm hoping to join with the other 10 new recruits. It seems like a choir that's moving forward. I know that this year, the choir has been to Scotland and London."

"Perhaps sometime in the future, I can arrange for them to travel further north and give a concert in Lapland."

Choir secretary, Richard King, added: "Santa joined our new recruits

in their first public performance at Wetherspoon's Sir Samuel Romilly, Barry. This was a very proud moment for everyone, where a full house joined the choir in a joyful Christmas concert."

Choir rehearsals restart on Thursday, January 5 at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Street, Barry. A warm welcome will await new choristers and anyone else interested in finding out more about this friendly, sociable band of singers.

The choir's visit to the Royal Albert Hall will be broadcast on S4C at 6.30pm on December 31.

GARETH JONES

ABOVE:  
Santa joins the choir's rehearsal!

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## What happened to dress code?

**THE GEM** of December 8 shows pictures of a fundraising event in Cowbridge for Velindre Hospital.

All the ladies have made a special effort to look their best – and very smart they all look! So what has happened to the menfolk? What a rag tag bunch they look. Perhaps they have just come from a boozy night out at a rugby club.

All except three could not be bothered to put on

a tie, most look as if they have slept in their shirts, and Jonathan Davies could have found one that fitted.

Do women really get turned on by middle aged men with turkey necks and grey chest hair protruding above their collars?

Come on, men, show a bit of respect for the women and smarten yourselves up.

Bin the macho – I am one of the boys – and stop being so lazy.

**Gareth Williams, Porthcawl.**

## Tenovus praise for volunteers

**AS 2016 draws to a close, I'd like to take some time to thank all 1,900 volunteers who generously give so much time to Tenovus Cancer Care across Wales.**

In the last year, our volunteers have given an incredible 260,000 hours to fundraising, helping in shops, in our warehouse and at events, helping in one of our offices, supporting our health and wellbeing campaigns, advising on

research funding, championing our Sing with Us choirs, lending a hand to the charity's cancer support advisors – and manning our free support line to help anyone affected by cancer.

We couldn't do what we do without our amazing volunteers. We're really very grateful to them, and we're looking forward to a fantastic 2017!

**Claudia McVie, Chief Executive, Tenovus Cancer Care, Cardiff.**

## 'Cut back on foreign aid'

**IT would appear the NHS is struggling to cope and Social Services is in meltdown – especially adult care.**

I would suggest we drastically reduce or stop the £12 billion foreign aid we give to other countries, and divert the money saved to look after British people who have supported this country all their lives.

This country cannot afford to look after more people; therefore, my view is to stop ALL immigration.

With regard to the planned tour by a parliamentary committee, from my understanding, the meetings will not be open to all – in fact those wishing to attend will require a specific invitation. More PR spin, methinks!

**Dennis Baker**

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## Remember these Marie Curie nurses for whom Christmas means caring

**CHRISTMAS** is a precious time for many families, but even more so for many of your readers who may be cherishing every moment they get to spend with a loved one living with a terminal illness.

In fact, more than one million people in the UK are expected to be supporting a family member who has a terminal illness over Christmas, while trying to cope with the possibility that this could be their last together.

Caring for someone at home can be very rewarding, but also an isolating experience. People often say that they don't know

where to turn to for help and don't know what support is available to them. For some, it may also be the first Christmas without a loved one.

Across the UK, from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day, Marie Curie nurses will be working over 3,500 nursing shifts, with the support of our referral centre staff who help get care to patients at home.

Our Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth will also be providing expert care around-the-clock with the support of staff and volunteers.

We're also here if your readers have any questions about terminal illness, need support or just want someone to talk to. Our free Marie Curie Support Line is

confidential and open for extended hours throughout the festive period for anyone affected by terminal illness.

*The Marie Curie Support Line will be open for extended hours from December 24 to January 2. For more information, visit*

*mariecurie.org.uk/help or call the Support Line on 0800 090 2309; December 25 (10am-4pm), December 26-27 (11am-5pm), December 28-30 (8am-6pm), December 31 (11am-5pm), January 1 (10am-4pm), January 2 (11am-5pm).*

**Andrew Wilson-Mouasher, Divisional General Manager, Marie Curie.**

## Charity should begin at home

**ON** the immigration issue, the UK is becoming overcrowded and pressurised, especially the education system, the NHS and housing. We have hundreds, if not thousands, of our own people living on the streets, yet incomers appear to get priority accommodation and access to our benefit system.

People have been able to build mosques, though the building of Christian places of worship would not be allowed in some overseas countries.

Integration of European migrants seems to work better as they usually adapt to the British way of life; others who want to come to the UK to live should respect our laws and principles.

Our country should be able to select the skilled people we need to benefit us; not give everyone free admission.

We also provide billions of pounds in overseas aid that some countries do not really need and that should be spent on our own homeless, the needy, the NHS and the elderly.

I realise this may sound selfish, but let's be realistic, our small country's interests should surely come first?

It's what our forefathers fought for. If politicians like the late Enoch Powell had been listened to many years ago, legislation would have been in place to control the situation that British people find themselves in today.

I will probably receive loads of 'flak' over these comments, but some people seem afraid of the truth.

**Peter Badcock, Barry.**

*With a House of Commons committee due to tour Britain to gauge public attitudes to immigration, we asked readers for their views.*

## Where now for UK Parliament?

**I** am now 70 years of age and it is the first time people have had a chance to voice their views on this subject, without fear of being called all sorts of names.

I lived in Southall, London from 1963 until 1966, when immigration added to city problems of overcrowding, high rents and slum landlords. They say history repeats itself, and that has turned out to be correct, with slum landlords back in our towns.

I have lived in Barry for over 50 years and 2016 has turned out to be the first year that the people of Britain had the chance to air their views on quite a few subjects in a referendum.

Now the Houses of Parliament don't know what to do, and what their role will be in this new situation.

The people have said we don't want the EU and all their money-grabbing rulings. Just for a change, we would like to look after ourselves. Well, I suppose we could all live in hope.

I wait now to see how the so-called ruling classes in Parliament re-invent themselves.

**Robert Darer Snr,**

## 'Well done, Ysgol-y-Deri'

**I** AM extremely pleased to hear that Ysgol-Y-Deri special school in Penarth has won the praise of school inspectors.

Both the school's performance and prospects were praised as 'good' in their category. The school continues to go from strength to strength. Estyn in their inspection have also praised the award

winning learning facility. It features a fully modern and accessible facilities for use by all.

I am proud to be a governor at this school, which is rated as "highly positive and inclusive". A lot of hard work goes into the running and leadership of this school and I would like to say thank you and well done to all the staff, pupils and parents on such a glowing report. **Coun Richard Bertin, Independent, Vale of Glamorgan Council.**

## Friends and Neighbours

**I** WOULD like to take the opportunity on behalf of Friends and Neighbours in Barry, to thank all those who have supported the group.

It has grown immensely this year, to 80 members, including volunteers, and we now have a waiting list.

Many lonely and isolated people have joined this friendly, social group, which has group has had an amazing 2016, including trips, local lunches, visit to a panto and Wales Millennium Centre as well as monthly meetings at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall.

Members enjoyed a

three course festive Christmas lunch at Brynhill Golf Club with entertainment from Porthkerry Community Choir and a present from Santa!

Thanks go to all who have supported us, including Jane Hutt AM, Alun Cairns MP and the Glamorgan GEM and Barry Town and Vale Councils.

Finally, I would like to thank my wonderful volunteers Phyl, Christina, Jen, Marlene, Pam, Helen Andrea, Carole, Mary Sue, Joyce, Gail and Sandra for all their help.

I just want to wish all the members a very happy Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Gay Fifield, Coordinator, Friends and Neighbours**

## Charting a century of change in Barry

**THANK** you for the articles headed 'The Men who Built Barry' – they made very interesting reading.

These were hardworking men, and we could be proud of what they achieved to make Barry great.

Roll on 100 years, now we can name the people – Vale of Glamorgan Council – who have systematically destroyed all that was great in Barry. (Name and address supplied).

## HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL DECEMBER 29)

*The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.*

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
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23 Fri	01.27	7.8	13.56	7.9
24 Sat	02.36	8.0	14.57	8.2
25 Sun	03.38	8.3	15.59	8.5
26 Mon	04.26	8.7	16.47	8.8
27 Tues	05.09	8.9	17.28	9.1
28 Wed	05.48	9.2	18.06	9.4
29 Thur	06.23	9.4	18.42	9.5

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# HOSPITAL LISTENING TO FEEDBACK ON CAR PARK

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Mr Roach continued: "I thought parking was free for four hours. We were there for just 42 minutes – the camera records you going in and out of the car park – and I got a fine of £70. If you pay it quickly, it is reduced so I sent a cheque for £40, but I am appealing."

"The fine was sent by Parking Eye in Chorley."

Retired consultant Dr Cath Staff contacted The GEM to emphasise that many of those attending the hospital were elderly and people with chronic conditions who are used to parking their car and walking straight into the hospital.

One of her neighbours received a letter informing him he was being fined.

"They (the letters) are aggressive and targeting groups of people who are elderly and vulnerable."

Dr Staff said she understood from a member of staff at the hospital that when the new system was introduced notices were small, but new, larger ones have now been erected.

She plans to write to Cardiff and Vale Health Board and would like local GP surgeries to warn people that if they go up to Barry Hospital for an appointment there is a new parking system in operation.

Mrs Rosemary Stephenson told The GEM that she was "incensed" when friends of hers who were pensioners had been fined.

She takes her husband to the

hospital for blood tests because he is diabetic.

"One of my friends put her number in and was still reported, so maybe there is an 'enter' button people are not aware of. How can an elderly person pay a £70 fine when they are on a state pension?"

The GEM approached the health board and put patients' concerns to it.

Geoff Walsh, director of capital estates and planning for Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, explained the new system was designed to help genuine visitors.

"These measures have been introduced so that those who need to visit the hospital can do so easily and those using it inappropriately as a car park for shopping in town are discouraged from such behaviour. It is very much about putting patients and visitors first."

"We have been listening to patients, visitors and staff and taking action in response to their feedback such as improving the signage."

"If anyone feels they have been issued with a penalty charge notice inappropriately then we ask them to lodge an appeal as outlined on the notice."

Visitors should be aware that parking is free, but all vehicles are required to be registered when on site. Failure will result in a 'penalty charge notice' being triggered.

## Christmas drama at St Mary's Church, Barry is packed out... ...and children love meeting donkeys



The cast of 'Christmas - The Story' enjoyed packed out audiences.

A DRAMA called 'Christmas - The Story' was held at St. Mary's Church in Barry last week and it was enthusiastically received.

Performances took place throughout the week, and were sometimes staged twice a day.

A spokesman explained: "We saw a full church for performances and at Tuesday evening's performance there were even people standing at the rear as all the seats were taken!"

"The local school children who visited thoroughly enjoyed the performance – and

had lots of fun feeding the two lovely donkeys Hank and Sheila who were in their stable outside the church.

"They had lovely straw bedding kindly donated by Mr Lyn Price of Moulton, plus lot of nice sweet hay to eat – two very happy donkeys!"

Organisers have emphasised that the donkeys were extremely well cared for, and supervised by past donkey and horse owners.

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## Pupils answer question: Is Santa really all he seems?



THE KS2 children of Oak Field Primary played host to the children of their neighbouring school Ysgol Gwaun Nant - by

entertaining them at their school Christmas concert.

Bill and Bob, the cunning jewel thieves, tried to thwart the efforts of the children of Ivor

Bunton School by hiding out and disrupting their school nativity.

Mix in a romance between the headmistress and a dashing French policeman, and comedy was bound to follow!

Is Santa all he really seems? Luckily, the children, as always, saved the day!

Thank you, Gwaun Y Nant, come and visit us again soon!

## 'THE BARRY CROWN POST OFFICE MUST NOT CLOSE!'



LAST week, Jane Hutt AM joined local residents who object to the closure of Barry Crown Post Office at the branch, to thank the staff and to wish them Merry Christmas.

The Vale AM commented: "We must continue to object to the closure of the Crown Post Office. This branch is always busy and I see the staff offering help to customers whenever I visit. I am continuing to make representations to the Post Office about the negative affect this closure will have on our community."

## Candle lighting at Merthyr Dyfan

THE annual Christmas candle lighting event is at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry, on Sunday, December 18 between 9am and 3pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along to Merthyr Dyfan Chapel and light a candle in memory of a loved one. Free tea and coffee and a warm welcome guaranteed.

## Eleven-mile tramp for the Ramblers

WALKERS from Penarth and District Ramblers were joined by Joy at Barry Island on a dry atmospheric morning, with a mist blotting out long-distance views.

Descending the cliff path, they crossed Jackson's Bay, then went around Clement Colley walk at Nells Point to overlook Whitmore Bay.

Climbing onto Friar's Point and continuing along the Wales Coast Path before descending stone steps to cross the Old Harbour, a scramble up over the pebble beach led to Cold Knap.

Heading up through the delightful Birch Grove Wood to clifftops at Marine Drive, muddy pathways led them through the wood for the descent into Porthkerry Park and coffee on the pebbles in warm sunshine.

Climbing up through the Bulwarks to Porthkerry Leisure Park, the clifftop path led to Happy Valley and turning inland through the Rhoseo Point development and heading east for lunch in the peaceful churchyard of St Curig's, more muddy paths led back down into Porthkerry Park.

Exiting via Cwm Barri to reach Romilly School, some pavement walking led onto Hood Road and back to their start via the new development at The Quays.

William and his nine companions set off from Severn Beach on a mid-week adventure between both Severn Bridges.

After partaking of delicious goodies from Down's Bakery and passing under the Second Severn Crossing which opened in 1996, the long distance Severn Way led them on to the hamlet of New Passage famed for its ferry which set up in opposition to the original Aust Ferry.

The Cake Pill Gout which drains water from farmland back into the river was the setting for morning coffee before continuing on to pass the

old disused Aust ferry terminal, then across the M48 on a footbridge above the toll booths.

Making their way to the pretty St John's Church in Aust village for their lunch stop and then carefully crossing the A403 at North Worthy Farm, fields led them on to Redwick village and across the top of the Severn Tunnel entrance to a footbridge over the A48 and back to their start point, just as the sun was beginning to set after a delightful eleven mile tramp.

The following walks are part of the Ramblers 'Festival of Winter' walks, which will (hopefully) encourage people who are not members to come along and join in a local walk that not only benefits fitness, but is also a chance to make new friends and improve health and mental wellbeing.

On December 28, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a six-mile easy walk around Cardiff Bay; contact Sue J. on 029 2070 2901.

On December 29, meet at 9.30am at Cogan for an eight-mile walk in the Wick area; contact Su G on 07954 139 946.

On December 30, meet at 9.30am at Penarth cliff top car park for a five-mile easy walk taking in the clifftops and Lavernock; contact Sue J on 029 2070 2901.

On January 1, meet at 10am outside the Colcot Arms pub, Colcot Road, Barry for a five-mile easy/moderate walk to welcome in the new year; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks on longer walks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice.

To follow the group please log onto [www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com](http://www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com) or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

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# 'Blue House' charity box is stolen by heartless thieves

**HEARTLESS** thieves stole a charity box from Barry's famous Christmas 'Blue House' on Barriars Way.

The householders are well known for decorating the house in blue lights across the festive period each year to raise money for good causes.

The owners found the charity box missing on Thursday evening, December 15.

A concerned supporter of the charitable initiative, Jack Jones, reported on social media: "To all my customers that supported the Blue House, the Christmas light house on Barriars Way... I regret to inform you that while the home owners were out this evening, somebody has removed the charity box from the wall and stolen it with the money inside. Absolutely disgraceful. Please can people be



*The Blue House is well known in the town for putting on a fantastic Christmas light display and inviting members of the public to make a charitable donation.*

vigilant. If anyone saw anything, contact the police! Thanks all."

The householder told The GEM the family had been collecting for charities at Christmas for 10 years and it was the third time someone had

stolen the donations.

This year's charity was the Amelia Trust, but the 'Blue House' family has supported a range of causes over the years including Noah's Ark, CLIC Sargent and Ty Hafan.

Anyone with information should contact South Wales Police via 101, quoting reference 1600483621.

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Rotarians rally to the Foodbank



*Rotarian Ann Harry collecting food donations with a representative of the Vale Foodbank.*

**MEMBERS** of the Rotary Club of Barry joined forces with team members of the Vale Foodbank early in December to help with the collection of food donations from Tesco customers outside the Tesco stores on Port Road, Barry and Penarth.

In addition to this 'hands on' support, the Rotary Club of Barry has been supporting the Barry and Vale Foodbank for several years, purchasing food to be donated so that they can make full use of any offers available.

With the ever-increasing demand for access to the Foodbank, the Rotary Club of Barry has also funded the

purchase of a trolley to be used in the foodbank warehouse to enable staff to easily move the food packages as and when necessary.

Both organizations would like to thank Tesco for their assistance and the general public for their continued support which is very much appreciated.

Members of the Rotary Club of Barry are part of an international organization with one million members worldwide, forming a global network of business, professional and community volunteers.

The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in the Glenbrook Inn on Thursdays at 6.30pm. If you would like further information, contact club secretary Phil Hunt on 01446 720000 or look online at [www.rribi.org](http://www.rribi.org).

## 'Beware rogue traders' — POLICE WARN

**POLICE** in Penarth are warning the public to be on their guard, following reports of rogue traders operating in the area.

They are investigating a number of incidents in the town, including one in which an 83-year-old was tricked into handing over £600 to two bogus workmen who claimed they would fix her chimney.

During the incident on December 12, the men, aged around 30 and 50 respectively, visited an address on Plymouth Road and claimed to be with legitimate tradesmen who were working nearby.

The men, who both had Irish accents, said they would return with material to carry out the work but left in a white van and never returned.

Three days earlier, on December 5, a 90-year-old woman was also targeted at her home on Hazel Road by a lone man using a similar story.

On this occasion, no money was handed over, but the woman, who has been targeted by rogue

traders in the past, was left feeling vulnerable and frightened.

The man in the incident was described as being tidily dressed with dark hair and nicely spoken with no noticeable accent. A small white van was also parked nearby.

Officers are also investigating a burglary which took place sometime between 10.30am and 2.45pm at a property on St David's Crescent.

Thieves gained entry to the house via a rear door and helped themselves to a quantity of cash.

Inspector Gary Smart said: "While we don't want to alarm residents in Penarth, we would like to remind people to be on their guard and to make sure their property is kept secure."

"I'd like to remind them that they have the right to ask these people to leave their property, and if they feel threatened or pressured, they should report them to the police via 101 or 999."

Anyone with information is urged to contact South Wales Police via 101, or Crimestoppers free and anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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*The staff got in on the fun too.*

## Phoenix Arising Dance troupe 'shaking it all about' at Rondel House



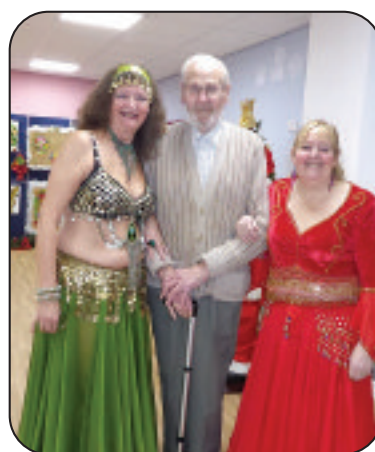
**RONDEL HOUSE** was entertained by the Phoenix Arising Dance Troupe a few days ago.

As you can see from the pictures everyone had a great time.

Karen Mortimer-Brown told The GEM: "Bobbie Booker and I put on a dance show on for the ladies, gentlemen and staff of Rondel House in Barry."

"We had a really lovely audience and had great fun. We even had the staff up shimmering and shaking their bits!"

"One of the gentlemen Bill was very pleased to have a picture taken with us."



*Bill with Karen (right) and Bobbie (left).*

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# VALE COUNCIL 'TO CONSIDER' DINAS BY-PASS



Andrew RT Davies AM and Alun Cairns MP, with Dinas Powys Community Council chair Margaret Hayley and three Dinas Powys by-pass campaigners.

**FURTHER progress has been made in the campaign to deliver a Dinas Powys by-pass, it has emerged.**

In a meeting on Monday, December 5, Welsh Government officials met with the Vale Council to discuss the project. This came after almost 200 people attended a public meeting in the village last month.

Responding to an Assembly Question from Welsh Conservative Leader, Andrew RT Davies, the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, Ken Skates, said during the meeting that the authority indicated it would give the project further consideration.

Momentum in favour of the project has intensified in recent weeks, following a non-partisan campaign launched by Dinas Powys Conservatives.

Mr Davies said that now was the time for all parties to come together and deliver a solution, and urged the Vale Council to launch a formal bid as soon as possible.

Mr Davies said: "After being promised a by-pass for over four decades, it now seems like the tide is

turning and it may become a reality.

"The Vale Council has previously dismissed the by-pass on the grounds of lack of funding, but this is not the sticking point it once was.

"They must now get on with submitting a formal bid so that we can deliver it. Failure to do so would be letting Dinas Powys down."

## Aviation book sales climb to dizzying heights

**BARRY ISLAND writer and public speaker, Ron Powell, has sold more than 20,000 books.**

Ron (61), said: "I'm not sure J K Rowling will be too worried by the competition, but for a self-published and self-publicising author, 20,000 sales is a significant milestone. I'm over the moon to have achieved it.

"My second aviation novel, *Wings Over Malta*, and my first volume of memoirs, *Shropshire Blue, A Shropshire Lad in the RAF*, are still selling steadily, but my *Battle of Britain* novel, *Wings Over Summer*, remains my biggest seller.

The lead character in both aviation novels is Jack Williams, a Spitfire pilot from Barry.

Reviewers say they find his combat flying scenes especially vivid, and he ascribes this to much of his 32 years in the RAF as a flying



**Author Ron Powell** instructor, teaching young men and women to turn upside down, jink and spin in light aircraft. This included two years at St Athan in the early '90s.

"I was also lucky enough to meet and pick the brains of several wartime Spitfire pilots, and some of the current Spitfire display pilots," said Ron.

You can find out more about his career, writing and public speaking, on his website [www.ronpowell.co.uk](http://www.ronpowell.co.uk).

## The changing face of Barry Waterfront

Looking back at the new housing, with Barry town centre in the background. IMAGES by MIKE WILCOCK



**MORE than a decade ago The GEM reported on plans to transform the Waterfront in Barry on land between number one dock and Harbour Road (which runs from Barry to the Island).**

In the last 18 months, the townscape has seen a huge transformation.

A second Island road has been constructed too as part of continuing development.

GEM photographer Mike Wilcock recorded these images of inexorable change in the Barry docks area.

Looking back in the direction of Number One Dock from Harbour Road.



**RIGHT: Mike took this image on the train to Barry Island. It shows new houses with the Island's houses in the background (top).**

## Soroptimists donate to the women's refuge



LEFT: Jackie and president Pat

**FOR many years, members of Soroptimist International Barry and District have donated items to Atal y Fro, an organisation that provides support for women and children within the Vale that are experiencing domestic violence.**

Atal y Fro also provides temporary, emergency, safe and secure accommodation for female victims of domestic abuse.

In the hope of making Christmas more enjoyable for the women and children that are staying in the refuge over Christmas, president Pat Salt, together with club member, Jackie Memory, delivered gifts to the organisation.

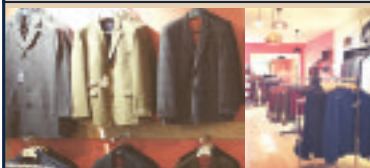
Presents for the mothers consisted of wash bags filled with toiletries, mugs filled with chocolates, biscuits and tea bags.

For the children, gifts included hedgehog folding books, teddies, colouring pencils and sweets.



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# VALE'S TEAM FOR MISS WALES IS REVEALED

**THE five young women currently selected to represent the Vale at the Miss Wales 2017 final have been announced.**

Team Vale of Glamorgan consists of: Taylor Barrington (21), a TV extra from St Athan; Lauren Hipkin (23), a social work undergraduate from Cowbridge; Sophie

Norris (21), a nursery assistant from Barry; Lucia Osborne (19), a pharmacy trainee from Barry and Georgina-Grace Smith (17), an A-level student from Wenvoe.

The five girls are all with a chance of being crowned Miss Vale of Glamorgan 2017 and also Miss Wales 2017 at the Miss Wales final in April next year.

The three-day final involves

'empowerment day' with the UK's leading youth life-coach; a charity ball and a catwalk show.

In the run up to the final, the young women will be tasked with fundraising for the Miss World charity 'Beauty With A Purpose' which helps disadvantaged children worldwide.

They will also be given a series of challenges to help them develop in confidence.

Paula Abbandonato,

the organiser of Miss Wales, said: "Every year we have an amazing line up of young women come together at Miss Wales. The girls who make up Team Vale of Glamorgan for 2017 are all bright, ambitious and energetic young people."

"I hope they have the best of times with us and enjoy the Miss Wales experience which is committed to empowering young women, raising money for good causes and giving girls the opportunity to make friends and have fun all through the glamour of pageantry."



Left to right: Sophie Norris, Lucia Osborne, Lauren Hipkin, Georgina-Grace Smith and Taylor Barrington.

## Pupil Sofia scoops prize for designing the Tory leader's Christmas card



**LEFT:** Prizewinner Sofia with Andrew RT Davies at All Saints' C/W Primary School.

**THE** Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies, regional AM for South Wales Central, popped into All Saints' Church in Wales Primary School, Barry, to meet prize-winning pupil, Sofia, for her festive design, which features on his personal Christmas greeting cards.

He had chosen her design from a wide selection supplied by the pupils.

The AM was welcomed by the headteacher Miss Lewis and said he was delighted to say "thank you" to Sofia.

He presented her with the first official copy of the card and a book token, to show his appreciation for her "very impressive" design.

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## Vale Mayor's Christmas 'bake-off' and coffee morning raises £150!



ABOVE: Mayor's consort Nigel Gibbs, Mark Ellis (bake-off second place), Paula Westall (bake-off third place), Julie Brown (bake-off first), and the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Stuart Egan.

THERE were no 'soggy bottoms' at the Mayor's recent charity bake-off... because the Mayor (who is a trained chef) was the judge!

Following judging, the cakes were sold at the Mayor's coffee morning, raising £150 for his named charities.

### Boxing Day swim

WHITMORE BAY Boxing Day Swim will take place in front of Barry Island Voluntary Lifeguard Station on Monday, December 26; entering water at 3pm.

## VALE MP's VIEWPOINT 'The rates relief u-turn is not enough to protect High Streets'

At the weekend, the Welsh Government responded to concerns about business rate hikes with an announcement of an additional £10 million to help small firms cope with the transition to higher rates.

This is a u-turn for Welsh Government ministers, who had previously defended its existing transitional relief scheme as sufficient.

I welcome this concession, which would not have occurred without the strong campaign led by Sally Stephenson of the Pencil Case stationery shop in Cowbridge, but it is not enough to protect our High Streets into the future.

Many business owners in towns such as Cowbridge have seen huge increases to the rateable values of their premises, meaning that they will pay thousands of pounds more in business rates than they do now. Many small businesses will see their rates double, triple or quadruple next year.

A town's boutique on Eastgate in Cowbridge, is currently paying £1,546 per year in rates, but will be liable for £5,260 per year from April



Welsh Secretary  
**Alun Cairns**  
reports to  
GEM readers

next year. If the shop were based in England, it would pay no business rates at all after April.

The Welsh Government's refusal to implement anything similar to the more generous UK Government small business rate relief scheme in Wales means that many firms on this side of the Severn will operate at a great disadvantage from next year onwards.

Increased transitional rate relief as announced by the Welsh Government on the weekend is welcome, but its purpose is only to 'smooth the transition' to higher rates. It will not provide greater relief on a long-term basis.

As Mark Drakeford, the Welsh Government Finance Minister, has said: "It is to allow those businesses a breathing space to get themselves into a position where they can manage these bills for the future."

There will be many small, characterful shops on our High Street, for whom this transitional funding will only delay their inevitable closure in the face of higher rates. A change in the threshold for small business rate relief is needed. I would like to see all businesses with a rateable value under £12,000 get 100 per cent relief with a tapered rate for those under £18,000.

It has been a great pleasure to work with small business people and Welsh Conservative Assembly colleagues to push for a policy change from the Welsh Government. I am glad we have made progress, but there is more to do if we are to secure the future of Wales' most special High Streets.

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Tuesday 3 January	-	Wednesday 4 January
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Thursday 5 January	-	Friday 6 January
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Dydd Mawrth 3 Ionawr	-	Wednesday 4 Ionawr
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## Don't go off the rails this Christmas

**CHRISTMAS partygoers across Wales and the borders are being advised to take extra care this festive season after Network Rail revealed a 25 per cent increase in alcohol-related incidents across the UK rail network in December, compared to the beginning of the year.**

As a result Network Rail, British Transport Police and RSSB have joined forces to urge partygoers to take extra care when travelling on

or around the railway.

Stewart McIlroy, the community safety manager at Network Rail Wales, said: "The majority will have a few drinks over the festive season and we do not want anyone's festive spirit being ruined by an incident that could have been prevented. The railway can be a dangerous place and people can take unnecessary risks."

Taking risks at level crossings, using the track as a shortcut or running across the platform onto trains, could result in serious life threatening injuries or worse. We are asking passengers and those that live near the railway

to keep a clear head and enjoy a safe festive season."

Data collected by the Rail Safety Standards Board (RSSB) over the last 10 years also shows that on average, in the UK, there are more incidents reported involving intoxication in December than any other month.

There are over 1,000 level crossings in Wales and Network Rail is issuing a warning to those who live near or may be out near these level crossings. During this time of year people may be visiting family and friends in areas they are unfamiliar with, and with many crossings located within a mile of

pubs and clubs it is important that people take extra care and remain aware of their surroundings.

Passengers should also be careful when around the platform edge after having a drink, with 25 people killed in the UK due to alcohol related incidents and a further 82 people seriously injured over the last 10 years.

Of over 4,000 alcohol related incidents reported over the past five years, almost half (44 per cent) of all incidents reported last winter involved alcohol. Nearly 250 incidents were recorded at level crossings last December and passengers boarding

trains were involved in 42 alcohol related accidents in the last five years. Officers from British Transport Police are stepping up patrols at stations across Wales.

There will be increased high-visibility patrols, particularly during weekends and enhanced presence on the barriers at the busiest stations, including in this region, with support from Arriva Trains Wales barrier staff until late.

Anyone who is considered too drunk to travel will be refused access to a station.

Chief Inspector Mark Cleland from British Transport Police Wales said: "Our priority is to make sure everyone gets to their destination safely and securely. You can expect to see our officers out on the network helping people to enjoy the festivities safely and encouraging them to think about how alcohol can affect the way they behave and the effect this has on other passengers."

"We are asking you to keep a clear head. Think about what you would do and how you would behave if you were sober. There is no excuse for spoiling other people's journeys or behaving any differently because you've drunk alcohol. We want you to have fun but it's more important to get where you're going safely."

## Merched y Wawr get-together for Christmas service

**CYNHALIWIYD Gwasanaeth Nadolig Merched y Wawr y De Ddwyrain yng nghapel Bethesda, Tŷ Du, Casnewydd gan mai cangen Casnewydd oedd yn trefnu'r digwyddiad eleni.**

Aeth nifer dda ohonom o gangen Y Bont-faen.

Crewyd awyrgylch hyfryd trwy raglen amrywiol o ganu, adrodd, actio a darllen gan wahanol ganghennau ynghyd â chanu carolau gyda'n gilydd. Rhoddodd tair o'n haelodau ni - Glensy Bellin, Lyn Guy ac Eleri Rogers gyflwyniad trawiadol o gerdd fodern 'Wyddoch chi beth roesom ni lldo?'

Wedi'r gwasanaeth cawsom gyfle i sgwrsio dros banded a chacenau carte. Teimlwn bob blwyddyn fod y noson yn gychwyn teilwng i ddathliadau'r Nadolig.

THE Christmas service of south-east Wales Merched y Wawr was held at Bethesda Chapel, Rogerstone, as the Newport branch was hosting the event this year.

A number of Cowbridge members attended.

A pleasant atmosphere was created as different branches presented a varied programme of song, verse and sketches, as well as singing carols together.

Three of our members - Glensy Bellin, Lyn Guy and Eleri Rogers gave a lively rendition of a modern Welsh poem 'Do you know what we gave Him?'

After the service, we chatted over a cuppa and homemade cakes.

We feel, every year, that the evening is a fitting start to the Christmas celebrations.

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## Get festive, not fined!

**THE South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, Alun Michael, has urged festive partygoers to 'drink less and enjoy more'.**

He said: "The Drink Less, Enjoy More campaign forms a major part of the joint Police and Crime Reduction Plan. Established for nearly two years, the campaign has proved a great way of educating the public and night time

economy staff whilst ensuring the safety of the community of South Wales.

"The campaign has led the way to many exciting developments to protect the vulnerable and prevent crime."

Assistant Chief Constable, South Wales Police, Richard Lewis, said: "The festive period is a time to celebrate."

The #DrinkLessEnjoyMore campaign has been a great resource for officers and our

colleagues within licensing, by illustrating to the public the consequences of drinking too much and the negative impact it can have on a person's behaviour.

"South Wales is a fantastic place to live, work and celebrate. South Wales Police will continue to work with its partners to promote the message of 'drink less, enjoy more' over the festive period and throughout the year."

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## Climate change protest at Aberthaw Power Station

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Power Station was blockaded on Monday, December 12, by campaigners protesting over air pollution and climate change.

Activists formed a blockade with tripods, a giant ashtray and banners saying 'Fossil

Fuels - Time to Quit' and 'Climate Change has a Death Toll' to prevent vehicles from entering and exiting the power station.

The UK Government recently lost a European Court of Justice ruling which found Aberthaw in breach of European air quality laws.

The protest comes as the UK Government

holds a consultation on the planned phase-out of unabated coal by 2025, which campaigners claim is far too slow a timeline to meet climate goals.

A year ago an historic climate deal was signed in Paris - on December 12, 2015.

Sarah Joliffe from campaign group Reclaim the Power, claimed: "Exactly a year on from the climate agreement in Paris, the UK Government is still undermining its own commitments by subsidising fossil fuels, instead of keeping them in the ground."

**A LOCAL** Welsh cob dealer who breached an order banning him from owning horses, has again been brought before the courts.

Thomas Tony Price was arrested on August 16, 2016, as part of Operation Violet Vulcan, after a multi-agency investigation found he had breached an Animal Disqualification Order (ADO) imposed in 2013, which banned him from having any involvement in the ownership or possession of horses for five years.

The order had been imposed alongside an eight-month prison sentence in 2013, and an order to pay almost £44,500 in costs, for 57 animal welfare offences and seven breaches of an antisocial behaviour.

Following his most recent arrest, a total of 70 horses were seized by Shared Regulatory Services during the operation.

Investigating officers found that, despite the disqualification imposed on him, 52-year-old Price continued to deal with horses on at least 11 separate occasions.

At Cardiff Magistrates' Court, Price pleaded guilty to breaching the ADO and was sentenced to eight weeks in prison, suspended for two years. The court also issued an injunction to protect a family in a neighbouring farm who had fallen victim to Price's action.

On the back of the conviction, South Wales Police were successful in applying to the courts for a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).

Under the conditions of the order, Price will be prohibited from: Remaining on private land in the Vale and the borough of Bridgend, after having been refused permission by the land owner or occupier.

Driving or being a passenger in any vehicle towing or transporting horses, until expiry of the Disqualification Order imposed on July 5, 2013.

Participating in or assisting with the herding or removal of horses from public or private land, until expiry of the Disqualification Order.

Without reasonable excuse, being within 50 metres of horses being herded or removed to, or from public or private

land, save for the defendant's own land until expiry of the Disqualification Order.

Inspector Gary Smart said: "This was a complex and lengthy investigation, which involved a number of partner agencies including the Vale Council and the RSPCA."

"Our investigation proved that Thomas Price had persisted in 'fly grazing' in various locations throughout the Vale and Bridgend, without permission of the landowners and despite the ADO imposed him."

"Both those dealing with Mr Price, and the numerous horses in his possession needed protection from this man, which is why we were pleased our application for a CBO was successful."

"We will continue to monitor Mr Price's activity while he is subject to these orders, and will take further action should he be found not to be complying with the conditions."

"We would urge the public to let us know via 101 if they suspect this man is breaching any of the conditions imposed on him."

Mark Goulding, investigating and wildlife

crime officer, said: "During the investigation, evidencing the breaches of this particular legislation was a challenge, and demanded support from our partner agencies and the wider community. We would like to thank everybody involved."



Thomas Tony Price.

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## Keeping the lights on at Christmas

AS families across the nation enjoy festivities over Christmas and the New Year, staff at Aberthaw Power Station will be working around the clock, powering Welsh homes to ensure the Christmas lights keep on twinkling and the TV Christmas specials keep on running!

Around 200 people work at the coal-fired

power station, which produces enough electricity to meet the needs of 1.5 million people - equivalent to five cities the size of Cardiff.

Generating electricity is a 24/7 operation, and the festive period is no exception. The team at Aberthaw will be working throughout Christmas and the New Year.

Station manager Richard Little said: "Most people think of the emergency services working across Christmas and New Year, who should rightly be honoured as they provide an invaluable role."

"However, spare a thought for the power station, grid and network men and women."

"Working over Christmas is 'business-as-usual' for many of our staff."



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# As iconic year ends, challenging times ahead for Britain

by CHRIS ELMORE

**F**IRSTLY, before I start my main column, I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and I hope you all enjoy the New Year's festivities.

The old one is coming to an end, a year which has had some iconic moments, to say the least – the seemingly endless number of celebrity deaths, the Welsh Assembly election and the Referendum, which saw the UK vote to leave the EU.

All news stories that have implications on our lives and all will be what 2016 is remembered for, one way or another.

During 2016, I opened a new foodbank in the constituency (something you may have read in a previous edition of The GEM).

Obviously to open a service that is needed is a pleasure. The difficulty, however, was that a foodbank is needed in the community at all.

Something isn't working in our society if people are unable to feed themselves. Something isn't working when these foodbanks are a lifeline to so many people.

Something needs to change and we should all, as compassionate humans, be ashamed that these institutions exist.

That said, they are needed, and I'm so grateful and thankful

that these volunteers give up so much of their time to help those most vulnerable.

Looking forward – 2017 has many challenges. The main one that springs to mind is that of what a Brexit Britain looks like. I led a Westminster Hall debate on the impact of leaving the EU on businesses in Wales.

I was disappointed that the UK Government refused to answer on whether they would guarantee to replace EU funding that has not yet been underwritten by the Treasury.

No did I get an answer on what steps will be taken to ensure there is not a training shortage in Wales, once we've left the EU.

These are guarantees businesses need to plan for the future and I hope the Government becomes more transparent about it. I'm not expecting a blow-by-blow account to the Brexit negotiations; however, I do expect transparency on something so important.

Over the Christmas period, my office will be closed. Messages will be picked up throughout and we will return on January 3. Any issues, please call 01656 860034. I also have an emergency contact list on my website [www.chriselmore.co.uk](http://www.chriselmore.co.uk) if you need specific advice, or have an emergency.

I wish all constituents a peaceful and healthy new year.

## Tenovus praise for volunteers

**A**S 2016 draws to a close, I'd like to take some time to thank all 1,900 volunteers who generously give so much time to Tenovus Cancer Care across Wales.

In the last year, our volunteers have given an incredible 260,000 hours to fundraising, helping in shops, in our warehouse and at events, helping in one of our offices, supporting our health and wellbeing campaigns, advising on

research funding, championing our Sing with Us choirs, lending a hand to the charity's cancer support advisors – and manning our free support line to help anyone affected by cancer.

We couldn't do what we do without our amazing volunteers. We're really very grateful to them, and we're looking forward to a fantastic 2017! **Claudia McVie, Chief Executive, Tenovus Cancer Care, Cardiff.**

## Boxing Day beach clean

**THE Friends of Barry Beaches will hold their annual Boxing Day beach clean at The Knap.**

The clean-up starts at 2.30pm and the litter pick will finish with mulled wine and mince pies for the volunteers to celebrate Christmas.

Volunteers should meet at The Knap car park. Litter pickers and bags will be provided; wear suitable clothes and footwear. Children are always welcome, accompanied by an adult.



## Mince pies and a thank you from the Mayor



## 'Remember that a dog is for life' – Dogs Trust urges



ABOVE: Neddy the terrier with his canine carer Becca Mullins.

**AS the festive season nears, Dogs Trust Bridgend asks people to remember its famous slogan 'A Dog Is For Life, Not Just For Christmas' with the staff braced for an influx of abandoned dogs over the Christmas period.**

"Unfortunately, the famous Dogs Trust slogan remains as relevant today as it was when it was first coined 38 years ago. Time and again the charity sees a flurry of dogs abandoned over Christmas when the appeal of a cute puppy wears thin," said Angela Wetherall, rehoming centre manager.

"There is no denying that we're a nation of animal lovers, but sadly, sometimes that can blind people and they may rush into getting a dog, often without ample research or even rushing into a last

minute online purchase. A dog can be such a rewarding addition to any family, but they do come with long-term responsibilities that will have a lasting impact on their new owner's life.

"As always, we are reminding everyone that a dog is for life, not just for Christmas, and, if you are thinking about getting a dog in 2017, to consider rehoming a rescue dog."

As well as providing round-the-clock care for new arrivals, the team at Dogs Trust Bridgend will be spending their Christmas Day looking after the 80 homeless hounds already at the centre, ensuring they can enjoy the Christmas festivities as much as everybody else.

Anyone interested in visiting Dogs Trust Bridgend or rehoming a dog can call 0300 303 0292, or visit [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk)

**THE Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Stuart Egan, with consort Nigel Gibbs, paid a visit to Penarth sorting office.**

Bearing a gift of mince pies, the Mayor thanked staff for their work throughout the year – and especially at Christmas.

There were no soggy bottoms at the recent charity Bake Off, where the Mayor (a trained chef) was the judge! The cakes were later sold at the Mayor's coffee morning – raising £150 for his charities.

Mayor's consort Nigel Gibbs, Mark Ellis (Bake Off, second place), Paula Westall (third place), Julie Brown (first) with the Mayor, Coun Stuart Egan.

## Local musicians are hoping for their big break



Jack Ellis.



Joel Alex.

**THREE local artists are hoping to make their mark on the music industry after embarking on a council-supported scheme.**

Jack Ellis and Joel Alex, both from the county, and Rebecca Hurn from Bridgend – are part of the 'Forté Project' along with eight other 16 – 25 year-olds from south Wales, including Bridgend and the Vale.

The Forté project is a new music development programme, which aims to uncover and support artists emerging from south Wales.

They are given support over 12 months, which includes:

- industry mentors to help guide and support them;
- access to key networking opportunities with industry professionals providing them with sound advice relating to key areas of their development;
- increased artist profile through live

performances, audience development and marketing strategies;

• recording opportunities to explore new material with professional studio facilities and technicians.

Jack Ellis, 25, from Rhoose, has already made a number of high-profile appearances, but wants some practical skills on the business side of the industry.

"I went solo about 18 months ago and it's been a pretty manic first year or so. I've started recording my first EP," he said.

My dad 'released' my first single before I was ready and he sent a song to Dermot O'Leary, who played it on his Radio 2 show and then a couple of months later I did a session for him.

"It wasn't even the song I planned to release first, but I have to thank my old man because it got my name out there."

"I'm really excited about the Forté project. It'll be great to be around other artists, while I really need some help on the business side of things."

## VOLUNTEER MARTIN HAD A WONDERFUL ZEST FOR LIFE

**THE Glamorgan Voluntary Services are grieving the untimely death of dedicated volunteer, Martin Vick.**

It's not hard to describe what Martin was to GVS. He was full of life and joy, which was hugely infectious to the team. He had a wonderful zest for life and he was almost certainly born with a smile on his face.

He volunteered at GVS once a week, finding time among all his other commitments to put in an efficient and effective shift whilst bringing happiness to the office for that day each week.

He loved music and entertained us with his singing and knowledge of music. He had a

passion for football, and talked with enthusiasm about what his squad would be if he was manager.

Martin led a very active life. He was part of the Hi-Jinx theatre company and performed all over Europe. Martin

was a gymnast and travelled to the USA, representing the UK, winning three gold and four silver medals in the World Championships.

He later went on to volunteer for Penarth Gymnastics Club with the coaches, helping to

train young gymnasts. Martin was a true gentleman who will surely be missed by everyone who was fortunate enough to meet him. Thank you, Martin, from the GVS team.

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## Burglary search warrant uncovers cross-county cannabis operation



**POLICE** was discovered in one of the bedrooms. The plants – which have an estimated value of up to £35,000 – were seized along with other evidence and documentation further linking the existing two suspects to the crime.

A second warrant was then executed that day under the Misuse of Drugs Act at an address in Dinas Powys.

A 26-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of money laundering and the production of cannabis, after officers seized more cannabis, mobile phones and around £18,000 in cash.

Christmas presents, a BMW and three motorcycles were also seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

A 28-year-old man from Barry was arrested for the same

matters on December 11. Both men have been bailed until March, pending further enquiries.

Detective Sergeant Julian Kerslake said: "Cases such as this demonstrate how important information from the public can be."

"Thanks to the initial report by a concerned member of the public,

our officers discovered evidence of drug use which they were able to link to a much larger operation. "The cannabis being grown at the addresses was most likely destined for the streets of south Wales, and the committed work by our officers, along with the support of the public, has prevented this from

happening. "We would urge anyone with any information relating to illegal drug activity to report it to us because we do act upon it intelligence from the public." Anyone with information should call 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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## The Force is strong with Rogue One!

**WHEN** Disney bought Lucasfilm in 2012, it seemed unlikely that they were going to let the *Star Wars* franchise rest.

Sure enough, a new trilogy was announced, with Episode VII already a huge success and Episode VIII hitting screens next year – but what was more intriguing was the announcement of 'stand-alone' films set outside the trilogy.

There are several films set to be released in the coming years

(including a Han Solo film), but the first of these 'stand-alones' hits cinema screens in *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*.

Set before the events of Episode IV (or the 1977 film for those not keeping count), it tells the story of Jyn (Felicity Jones), who is recruited by the Rebel Alliance to steal the plans for the Death Star – created by her father (Mads Mikkelsen); with a rag-tag mob including Cassian Andor (Diego Luna) and Bodhi Rook (Riz Ahmed), a group set out to stop the Galactic Empire, and Orson Krennic's (Ben Mendelsohn), plans...

The *Star Wars* franchise is in rude health at the moment. Last year's nostalgia-fest that was *The Force Awakens* has recalibrated the series after the underwhelming prequel trilogy, meaning *Rogue One* sails in on something of a high.

This is definitely a change-up for the franchise; it doesn't spoil things to confirm there is no opening crawl, no blare of John Williams' indelible theme tune. Instead, we are launched directly into the story, as we learn how Jyn came to be separated from her father and how she has ended up where she is, when we meet her in the form of Felicity Jones.

Jones does a strong job of leading the film, the series not known for its powerful female characters (Princess Leia and Rey from *The Force Awakens* aside), but Jyn's pluck and determination is essayed well by the actress, the relationship



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(or lack of) with her father lending this mission a personal edge.

The rest of the group tasked with seeking these plans aren't as well sketched as Jyn, yet the performances leave an indelible mark even if the characters don't. Donnie Yen, as a blind man who believes in the power of the Force, lingers longest,

but the likes of Diego Luna, Riz Ahmed and Wen Jiang all get a grace moment that connects.

Alan Tudyk's motion-capture performance as robot K-2SO is well done, his pithy droid a droll character that provides some moments of comic relief, but Ben Mendelsohn's villainous Krennic has untapped potential, his backstory and desire to establish himself in the upper echelons of the Empire not fully explored, and Mendelsohn doesn't manage to get past this with his slightly bland turn.

Director Gareth Edwards treads a fine line between nostalgia and pushing and pulling the tenets of the franchise into new directions; there are some nice touches that revisit the old films (and the occasionally poorly-rendered CGI depictions of classic characters) but it's clear that Edwards, while nailing the tone of the

original trilogy, is also willing and able to push things forward.

Among the callbacks to the original trilogy is the presence of one Sith lord with a penchant for black; sparingly, but powerfully, used, his appearances are thrilling and excellently staged, gloriously executed and undeniably breathtaking.

The climactic battle, raging across space and a planet of blue skies and even bluer seas, really ramps up the action quotient and sees some of the most thrilling set-pieces staged in any of the *Star Wars* films.

The ability to deliver spectacle, but weigh it down with narrative and emotion, is deftly done by the director, who shows a real confidence and assuredness in his work.

As thrilling a film as it is, it certainly is not a flawless piece of work; the opening half-hour or so feels clunky and heavy on exposition (partly the reason why

the second half of the film flies by with such ease), with a sub-plot involving a militant rebel played by Forest Whitaker feeling a tad superfluous and easily excised.

That this character already exists in the universe (having been a part of animated series *The Clone Wars*) leaves you with the feeling he's there as a bridge into the unknown, rather than an integral part of proceedings.

Also, the script doesn't really gel the band of rebels together in a way that makes you feel they're a united team. There's no real friction but no real unity either, they feel thrown together and the emotional pay-off at the climax, while connecting, doesn't quite feel deserved.

However, what is undeniable is that *Rogue One* has that *Star Wars* magic, that captivating mix of spectacle and adventure that is a heady concoction, and by the

time the credits roll (with the film neatly and cleverly segueing into Episode IV) you'll feel that the Force is strong with this one.

**VERDICT:** A *Rogue One* in name only, this first 'stand-alone' *Star Wars* film has the magic and spectacle of the franchise, but takes it to places that allow it to breathe and stand on its own two feet. A slightly unsteady opening aside, Gareth Edwards directs with confidence, building the scale, and with some lovely turns, this is up there with the best films in the franchise. *Highly recommended.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Star Wars – A New Hope* (1977), *The Empire Strikes Back* (1980).

Screen Talk wishes all readers a merry Christmas and a happy new year - keep reading for the Screen Talk top 10 films of 2016!

## Vale author's new book

**ANDREW THOMAS**, who has lived in Peterston-super-Ely for many years, has recently published a book called *Once Upon A Place*.

The book is a collection of linked short stories set in his native Pembrokeshire in the 1950s.

Andrew was the son of a village rector in a fishing and farming village on the tip of the Pembrokeshire Peninsula, and he experienced a unique community and way of life that has largely disappeared.

Electricity was yet to make an appearance and running water inside houses was a rarity.

The people who inhabited this special place had an identity and individuality characteristic of south Pembrokeshire folk, the 'little England beyond Wales'.

His book, in many ways, is a tribute to them and the place and time they inhabited.

*Once upon a Place* is about growing up in rural Pembrokeshire where a new day means a new adventure for the central character, Tom Jenkins.

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Author Andrew Thomas

Tom takes the reader on journeys that charm, frighten and exhilarate in equal measure.

Phil Carradice, a prolific well-known Vale author, said of the book: "It's enthralling, captivating and very well written. I defy anyone not to enjoy this."

For 35 years, Andrew taught English in grammar and comprehensive schools in England and Wales. He has contributed to various magazines, had his poetry published, and was an editor of a university publication for many years.

The book is available from the author and from some local bookshops, it costs £7.99.

For more information, visit [www.andrew-thomas.format.com](http://www.andrew-thomas.format.com).

## What's on and where

**Carols in the Castle**  
Today (Thursday, December 22) meet at Cowbridge cattle market at 6.15pm to walk to St Quentin's Castle at 6.30pm for carols and readings; wear warm clothes and bring a torch or lantern.

**St Athan services**  
ST THATHAN Church's Christmas celebrations begin with the St Athan Voluntary Band's carol concert this Friday, December 23 at 7.30pm, with refreshments.

Midnight Mass begins at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, led by new Rector Canon Edwin Counsell.

On Christmas morning at 10am there is a family Communion service.

**Free buffet at Christmas**  
THE Cadoxton Youth Project team is holding a free buffet on Christmas Day at Cadoxton Methodist Church, Church Road, Barry (CF63 2HL) from 2pm - 4pm.

It's open to all who may be alone on the day, and wish to meet others, or families struggling in difficult circumstances at Christmas.

Free food bags will be delivered around the community on the day. Call Rita on 01446

734414 for more details.  
**Cowbridge History Society**

THE society's next lecture will be on Friday, January 6 at 7.30pm, in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

The topic is 'The Dissenters part II – Civil War and Restoration, Toleration, Science and Education' by Don Gerrard.

All are welcome. For more information visit [www.cowbridgehistorysociety.org](http://www.cowbridgehistorysociety.org).

**Zoar Messy Church**  
ST Mary's Church and Zoar, Bonvilston will be hosting Messy Church in the New Year, from January 15 onwards.

Fun, games, Bible stories will all feature, at the Reading Room (opposite Old Village Shop) on the third Sunday of every month at 2.30pm and toddlers (accompanied), youngsters and teenagers are all invited to take part. Why not give it a go?

Further information from Rev Lee Dufield on 07884 869020 or from Rev Martyn Davies on 01446 760498, or Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

## Generous residents make sure needy children are not forgotten



Brynteg Comprehensive pupils with teacher Craig Wade and Coun Hailey Townsend.

**HUNDREDS** of gifts have been donated to help brighten up Christmas for vulnerable children in Bridgend county borough.

They were donated by, among others, Bridge FM, Brynteg Comprehensive School and Hafod Y Wnol in the Vale of Glamorgan, an assessment and treatment unit for adults with learning disabilities, went the extra mile by encouraging friends and family to donate presents for children of all ages.

Kind-hearted pupils from Brynteg Comprehensive School raised a whopping £3,200 by organising activities, such as: selling sweets, sponsored walks, bake sales, a carolathon, and bag packing at Sainsbury's.

The money raised by the mini-Santas was used to buy Christmas presents for 109 children and young people across the county borough, including those children

in care. Members of staff at Hafod Y Wnol in the Vale of Glamorgan, an assessment and treatment unit for adults with learning disabilities, went the extra mile by encouraging friends and family to donate presents for children of all ages.

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courtesy of Apsee Removals where the Brynteg pupils were waiting to hand-deliver the gifts themselves. Priority will be given to those children and young people who have entered the care system at what should be a festive and fun period for them, or those who might not receive anything or very little due to their difficult family circumstances.

Cabinet member for social services and early help, Coun Phil White, said: "We're

overwhelmed and touched by the kindness of local people who have put children first in their thoughts this Christmas. Some children would have not a single present to open on Christmas Day if it wasn't for Bridge FM's Toy Appeal, Brynteg's Santa Appeal and the kind heartedness of staff from Hafod Y Wnol.

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## Dinas Powys traders are angry after being hit by 'waste' fines

**PENALTIES of  
£2,400 have been  
imposed on six  
shop keepers in  
Dinas Powys  
following a swoop  
by private  
contractors  
working for the  
Vale Council on  
waste collection,  
local Plaid Cymru  
councillors said.**

The fines relate to  
waste disposal items  
such as cardboard boxes  
and plastic wrappings.

The Vale Council told  
The GEM that officers  
had regular meetings  
with the contractors to  
ensure they were  
operated as instructed.

Plaid Cymru  
Councillor Chris Franks  
said he was concerned  
as to whether the action  
had been justified.

He explained: "I have  
been contacted by shop  
keepers located at the  
Parade, Dinas Powys,  
regarding a visit by a  
representative of 3GS.  
He found fault with the  
storage of waste to the  
rear of about six shops  
and imposed penalties  
amounting to £2,400 in  
the space of 30 minutes.  
Each penalty was either  
£300 or £600.

"I am not satisfied  
that this is an  
appropriate action as in  
many cases it seems that  
bagged waste of  
cardboard was the  
problem. In another case  
a steel waste trolley lid  
was open a fraction. The  
waste was not causing  
litter and was properly  
bagged up for disposal.

"I understand that  
3GS is our newly  
appointed contractor for  
such matters. Plaid  
cannot think of many  
other ways of hitting  
local shops in the run up  
to Christmas."

### REGULATIONS

Local MP Alun  
Cairns urged people  
running small  
businesses in the Vale to  
secure their commercial  
waste in the light of  
recent fines.

He was contacted by  
Janice Mapstone, of  
Valley View Fruit Store  
in Castle Drive  
shopping parade in  
Dinas Powys who is  
subject to a £300

penalty charge notice.

Mrs Mapstone told  
him that an enforcement  
officer acting for the  
council entered her store  
on Friday and issued the  
fine for a breach of  
regulations concerning  
commercial waste.

She told the MP: "I  
employ a youngster to  
break down all of my  
cardboard packaging  
before it is sent back to  
the cash and carry  
depot. It is kept on  
private property, in my  
shop's rear yard, but  
because the entrance to  
the yard is unsecured I  
have been issued with  
this fine.

"Another shop on the  
parade was issued with  
a fine for having just  
one black bag in the  
wrong place. I am  
appalled."

Mr Cairns is  
concerned that the  
private-sector  
enforcement officers,  
brought in by the Vale  
Council earlier this year,  
may be 'trigger happy'.

He said: "I am  
disturbed by reports that  
enforcement officers  
acting for the council  
are entering premises  
indiscriminately and  
handing out eye-  
watering fixed penalty  
notices for what appear  
to be very minor  
breaches of commercial  
waste regulations."

He has written to the  
council asking for  
clarification on the  
action that was taken.

Miles Punter, director  
of environment and  
housing, said the  
council worked closely  
with the contractors to  
ensure their duties were  
carried out as agreed.

"3GS are currently  
working in partnership  
with the council to  
undertake the  
enforcement of  
environmental offences,  
such as dog fouling and  
littering."

"In addition, 3GS has  
started to enforce the  
'duty of care'  
requirements for  
commercial businesses  
within the Vale and last  
week, some specific  
areas of Dinas Powys.

"Council officers  
meet regularly with 3GS  
to review their work and  
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# 'All-inclusive' luxury nursing home opens up in Cardiff



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Ty Llandaff has a dedicated activities coordinator who provides a varied and daily programme of entertainment and

activities. It also boasts a concierge and chauffeur service with a Mercedes-Benz ready to take residents into town, which is also covered by the weekly fees.

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Registered manager Janice Evans, who has more than 30 years of experience managing care homes and is a registered nurse, said: "My approach is to provide high quality care to all residents, understanding their needs and respecting their choices, while working closely with relatives to be open and transparent at all times."

She concluded: "We want our residents to be able to enjoy all that Ty Llandaff has to offer, which is why we provide all-inclusive living."

"It allows our residents to live life to the full and take advantage of all our facilities and activities without having to worry about additional costs."

For more information, call Jan on 02920 600 100, email [info@tyllandaffcare.com](mailto:info@tyllandaffcare.com) or [tyllandaffcare.com](http://tyllandaffcare.com) or visit [www.tyllandaffcare.com](http://www.tyllandaffcare.com).

## Gatland 'humbled' by Velindre visit



Lions' coach Warren Gatland with Jonathan Davies on their visit to Velindre Cancer Centre.

**WARREN GATLAND** was the guest at a charity event in Cardiff to make it a special Christmas for patients at Velindre Cancer Centre.

The British and Irish Lions head coach spent the afternoon visiting patients and staff – and was 'humbled' at what he saw.

"It certainly puts life into perspective and was a humbling but very uplifting experience," Mr Gatland said.

"The Lions are supporting four charities in aid of the 'Leading The Lions' dinner series and Velindre is the chosen charity in Cardiff,

so I was very grateful to have had the opportunity to see the fantastic work they do."

Gatland was joined by former Wales legend and president of Velindre Jonathan Davies. They met with nurses, staff and patients.

The first patient they met was 23-year-old Tom Carter, who has bone cancer and is captain of the Wales disabled cricket team.

"You just have to deal with it," he said of his illness.

"But Velindre is the best place for treatment, without any doubt, and to have the chance to meet Warren and Jonathan was very special."

As they toured the wards, the pair met

lifelong Welsh fan Geraint Price, who not only quizzed Mr Gatland on his Lions' selection dilemmas but was also pleased to have his Lions jersey signed.

"I stayed a little bit longer just to meet them and see if I could get any inside information on his squad," he said. "It's a special opportunity; we chatted. It made everything human. He signed my shirt too – it was great."

For more information on the 'Leading The Lions' dinner series and to book a place, visit <https://tours.lionsrugby.com/leading-the-lions/>

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# LATEST NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT YSGOL GYMRAEG BRO MORGANNWG



Morgan Bowring.

ON Friday, December 9, a hardy crew of year-12 pupils, along with their teachers took part in our annual plunge into the icy waters of Barry Island. Despite the cold, it was a fun afternoon, with sponsorship money going towards the school's chosen charity for this year – Elusen Jac Bach.

## Lords debate

MORGAN BOWRING, Gruff Edwards and Ryan Smith – all year-13 pupils – recently attended a House of Lords Chamber event organised by the English Speaking Union.

Under the guidance of Lord Fowler, 200 students debated whether freedom of speech should be curtailed or fully allowed.

As the only school from Wales at the event, all three students spoke and voiced clear opinions on the motion.

Ryan, the grandson of a former Vale MP, John Smith, performed particularly well and was commended for his performance.

## Public speaking

FURTHER public speaking successes have included a regional victory for Huw Jones,



Ryan Smith.



Gruff Edwards.

Tia Roach and Twm Aled in the English Speaking Union Churchill competition held at St Cyres recently with the national final to be held at Ty Hywel Chamber, Cardiff next March.

## Hwb Seren Network

THE Vale of Glamorgan recently launched the Hwb Seren Network at the Vale of Glamorgan Hotel.

The initiative, targeted towards MAT (More Able and Talented) pupils was attended by 19 pupils in year-12.

The students were provided with an overview of the

network's role, the provision for the next years and representation from Russell Group Universities.

Whilst pupils in year 13 await university offers for October 2017 it is pleasing to note that four students have been invited to interview at Oxbridge.

We wish them well with the forthcoming interviews.

Several Christmas concerts have also been held with the foundation phase and Key Stage 2 pupils all taking part with hundreds of supporting parents in attendance.

Nadolig Llawn i bawb a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.



At Barry Island.



Pupils at the ESU Churchill competition.

## CRACKING CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR BP SOCIETY PENSIONERS!



Gladstone Primary School choir.

## £10m Welsh Government boost for businesses is 'welcome, but belated'

COMMENTING on the announcement that the Welsh Government will make available an extra £10million to help firms cope with changes to their business rates, South Wales Central AM and Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies this week welcomed the news, but added that the government has "belatedly bowed to pressure".

"Welsh Conservatives have been working with small businesses to campaign for more support ever since these increases were announced," he said.

"In Cowbridge, many businesses

saw their rates more than double, which will put them under huge pressure. Special praise must go to Sally Stephenson and other business owners who have worked hard to force the Welsh Government to backtrack, and it was a pleasure to work with them.

"While this news is not the tax cut Labour promised during the election, it is to be welcomed, and I hope it will be sufficient to support SMEs facing a huge uplift in their bills.

"The fact that the Welsh Government refused to change tack for so long shows they would not have acted had it not been for the sheer pressure they were under, and small businesses have sent them a clear message they will not be ignored," he concluded.

MEMBERS of the BP Society Pensioners, East Wales region, celebrated Christmas lunch at the Masonic Hall, Barry, on Thursday, December 15.

Members were delighted to be entertained, and take part with the pupils of Gladstone Primary School in their rendering of Christmas carols.

The choir was led by Kate Manfield.

On behalf of all the members who attended the lunch, a big 'thank you' to the pupils and Kate Manfield.

All proceeds from the raffle on the day will be donated to our local Marie Curie hospice in Penarth.

PAMELA COLSTON,

Treasurer for BP Society's east Wales region



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# The Glamorgan GEM

## Season's Greetings

### Christmas will offer a welcome break from the momentous events that took place on the world's stage this year

**S**OMETIMES, The GEM's corner of Wales seems a long way from the turbulent events that have swept across the world this year, and

Christmas offers a chance to reflect on all this tumult.

We all hope that the festive break will offer families an opportunity to spend time together, and take a welcome break

from the hurly burly of modern life.

Sadly, the events this week in Berlin mean that Christmas has been tarnished for many people.

That people can be at risk in a traditional market while buying

Christmas gifts and enjoying the festive atmosphere only emphasises how the world has changed.

A good old phrase such as 'peace and good will to all' sometimes seems a forlorn hope in this new world of 'post truth politics', fake news and social media trolls.

The screen writer William Goldman, who wrote *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* – among many other successful films – once coined the phrase 'Nobody knows anything'.

Now, he was talking about films, about why a project packed with box office stars could be a complete flop, while an unheralded film with low expectations could suddenly catch the public's imagination and be a monster hit.

(If you want an example, just consider that *Star Wars* – with the latest of umpteen incarnations now in your local multiplex – was not rated as any type of hit by its own studio when it was released.)

The public thought otherwise, proving the experts wrong, and we have seen that pattern repeat itself politically this year.

The now former Prime Minister, David Cameron, called the Brexit referendum on the advice of experts who assured him he

could not lose – and now he is an ex-Prime Minister.

In the USA, Donald Trump was written off as a no-hoper (along with many other uncomplimentary epithets) and he went on to become President-elect of the United States of America.

Truly, as Mr Goldman said: "Nobody knows anything."

So, at this time of year it is good to be able to concentrate on the valuable things in life that can't be touched by the unpredictable and disturbing state of the

planet.

Family life is a refuge, and coming together at Christmas offers a chance to catch up on the important things in life – how much little Thomas or Emily have grown since you last saw them, for instance.

All the minor irritations are just that – minor. Even naff presents from Auntie Ivy can be seen for what they are, an amusing moment when every family member plays their allotted part in a tradition that goes back many years! (CONTINUED ON FACING PAGE.)

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#### Councillor Stuart Egan

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council extends Seasons Greetings to all residents of the Vale of Glamorgan.

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**



**Mae'r Cyngorydd Stuart Egan**

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# The Glamorgan GEM

## Season's Greetings

# TURBULENT TIMES... but the festive season can be a real haven

(CONTINUED  
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PAGE.)

In the grand scheme of things, the Christmas specials from *Dr Who*, *Sherlock* or *Strictly* might not matter, but they bring a sense of continuity to the season – even a sense of belonging – that reminds us all of life's traditions.

In so many areas of life, saying 'we do it this way because that's the way we have always done it' is a bad thing, but at Christmas it ain't necessarily so.

Following the routine that has built up over so many years is, in one sense, the glue that binds society together.

In Porthcawl for instance, it has taken quite a few years but for so many people, the Christmas Morning Swim is part of their day.

Everyone has their own routine, whether it be actually swimming, or cheering on from the beach, or meeting friends before heading home for Christmas dinner.

All different routines – although a surprising number involve knocking back a few whiskeys to keep out the chilly winds!

In other parts of the Vale and Bridgend county borough, there are so many events that became a habit and are now a tradition. It might be a fun run, a mountain

walk, the Boxing Day sales, or watching *It's a Wonderful Life* for the 19th time – it's a case of each to his or her own when it comes to tradition.

Why have I emphasised traditions? Well, it's been a year when 'tradition' has been, on occasion, a dirty word.

'Traditional' rivalries between nations, races, political groups, and social classes seem to be behind so much of the conflict and despair in the world.

People talk of a clash between traditional thinking and present day thought and values.

Lack of respect for different cultures' traditions seems to be a cause – or perhaps

it's just a symptom – of so many bad things that happen in the world.

It's only at times like Christmas – or the significant days of other religions – that respecting traditions seems to be the thing to do.

It's probably asking a lot to hope that we can return to a world where every aspect of tradition is a good thing.

My more cynical friends will point out at this point that there child labour used to be a tradition – and I'm aware of that.

Let's just say that we all know which traditions are good for society – so let's take time to raise a glass to them this year!

PHILIP IRWIN

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# 'THE CENTRE OF WELSH FAILURE?'

You invited GEM readers to comment on the suggestion that the Welsh Assembly should be renamed the Welsh Parliament.

Before turning to that issue, it would be well to remind ourselves that here in Wales we have the worst PISA results within the UK; have the longest NHS waiting lists in the UK; and we are at the bottom of the UK Gross Value Added table.

All of these are as a direct result of Welsh Assembly policies. There are many other issues which we could add to the list, such as inflation-busting increases in Council Tax that we have seen

over the last seven to eight years, while that tax was frozen in many parts of the UK.

We have Assembly Members who continually tell us that they are over-worked. Strange then to note that many have second jobs and not a few have outside business interests.

Now our politicians are calling for a change of name from the Welsh Assembly to the Welsh Parliament. No doubt this will provide a boost to their egos and would, undoubtedly, be the forerunner to yet another 10 per cent-plus increase in their salaries.

Will a change of name with all the associated costs improve Welsh education or reduce NHS waiting lists? No, of course not.

Politicians of all parties would do well to concentrate on holding an ineffective Welsh Assembly Government to account and to work on solving the very real issues that their constituents face, rather than worrying about name changes.

Is it a reflection on the quality of our politicians that this issue is even being discussed?

Perhaps a better suggestion and certainly more apt is "Should the Welsh Assembly be re-named the centre of Welsh failure?"

John A Turner, Rhosneig Point.

# No need for translation

I AM at a loss to understand why the Welsh word 'Senedd' which, I understand, means 'Parliament' in English, needs to be substituted to the English meaning.

I am not a Welsh speaker, and at my current age, will never be so, although I wish I had the ability to be one.

I thought the people of Wales were very proud to be Welsh, but little by little the erosion of the language will reduce the country to become a large English county.

That said, people who are unaware that the Welsh Senedd means Welsh Parliament I would suggest are very, very few.

As the old American saying goes: "If it's not broke, don't fix it."

FMD Knill, Pendoylan.

# SCOUT POST THANK YOU

ONCE again, the Scout Post in Cowbridge has had a successful year and all cards have now been delivered.

The number this year is down on the previous two years, but a total of just under 14,000 is still significant and means a contribution of about £2,600 to Scout group funds, towards the maintenance of the hall and activities of the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers.

The sorting and delivery of the cards is carried out by leaders, parents and friends, some of whom have been regulars since Cowbridge joined up with Cardiff, etc, some

12 years ago.

I would like to personally thank all those who helped and hope they have a very peaceful and enjoyable Christmas.

Every year we get cards which are wrongly addressed and each time a big effort is made to find the correct one, but sometimes this is not possible.

Once again, there are about 100 cards addressed to areas not covered by the Scout Post and these, I am afraid, are not posted on.

Thank you to all of you who used the Scout Post and, once again, thank you to all our helpers.

David Weber,  
unit assistant,  
Cowbridge Scout Group.

# Festive message to GEM readers

WITH Christmas just a few days away, I would like to take this opportunity to send a festive message to all GEM readers.

It has without doubt been a very eventful and somewhat unpredictable year, with a new Prime Minister, a new US President elected, and the UK voting to leave the European Union.

I, therefore, hope you will join me in having a well-earned rest over the Christmas period and come back ready for whatever 2017 has in store.

We shouldn't be shy to celebrate the fact that Christmas is a Christian festival, and that it is a

# Lazy parenting a future problem

THIS letter is to the party of mothers, accompanied by young children, who visited the Bryn Owain, Cowbridge on the evening of Sunday, December 18.

Do you think it's acceptable for your children to run around other diners' tables, shouting? Or maybe you think it's okay for them to throw things down the stairs at people dining?

Did you think we enjoyed hearing how many decibels your children could reach?

Presumably you think it's up to someone else to educate them on correct behaviour – teachers, strangers or restaurant staff, maybe?

You are simply demonstrating a lack of respect for yourselves and others by allowing your children to do exactly as they please, and if people don't like it – it's their problem, it would seem.

One boy of about seven spent the entire duration of our visit on his 'electronic babysitter' – his phone – with no interaction with anyone else at all. I don't even know who was with him.

My three children are frequently paid compliments for their polite behaviour, which I have always thought a bit odd, as surely polite, respectful manners should be the norm, not the exception.

I know everyone is entitled to raise their children as they see fit, but I despair that the next generation will be selfish, thoughtless and spoilt.

So, ladies, put down your phones and glasses of wine.

It's time to start engaging your children, teaching them how to use cutlery, 'indoor' voices, and how to behave when there are other people around who might not find them delightful.

Name and address supplied.

time for giving and spending time with loved ones.

We should also reflect on those less fortunate than ourselves – those who may be dreading spending the day alone, or those who may be going through difficult times. To me, that is what the spirit of Christmas is all about.

So I would like to wish all Vale residents, of all faiths and none, a very merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous new year.

Andrew RT Davies AM,  
(Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, South Wales Central AM).



# SCHOOL GETS IN FESTIVE SPIRIT!



The Year-7 prize winners.



The Year-8 prize winners.



The Year-9 prize winners.



Christmas Jumper Day at Barry Comprehensive.



Year-10 bakers with their excellent gateaux.

## The Scouts keep themselves busy a with host of activities

Christmas decorations, ceramics (with the help of Butterfly Ceramics), cake decorating, belaying, investments, a sleep-over at the Winding House Museum, the Scout Post, lifeguard concert and #cubs100 party – just a few of the activities 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group have been doing over the last couple of weeks.

As part of Cubs 100, the Cubs wanted to sleep in an unusual place and they went by train from Rhose to Brithdir to the Winding House Museum where they learned about Romans, and explored the museum by torchlight.

They marched in formation, dressed up in armour, played Roman games and learned about



Roman medicine and made a Roman pot. They all had a great time.

Scout post was again a huge success and the group would like to thank all the outlets that sold stamps throughout Rhose and the surrounding villages and to all those who helped to sort and deliver the post.

Beavers took part in the lifeguard concert on December 16. Cubs were not present this year as they were attending the Cubs 100 celebrations at Amelia

Trust Farm with Cubs from the rest of the district.

At exactly 19.16 they all renewed their promise along with Cubs all over the world, celebrating 100 years of Cub Scouts – everyone had lots of fun.

The group is on its Christmas break, but planning for next year continues.

One thing already booked in the calendar is 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group's next fundraiser: The

Shameless at the Social.

On January 21 starting at 7pm, The Shameless will be playing at the Rhose Social Club to raise money for the group.

Tickets are £5 each and can be purchased from any leader or you can contact the group scout leader on [gsl@penmarkscouts.org](mailto:gsl@penmarkscouts.org), uk, or 07972 273915 to order tickets or find out more about the group.

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**THIS year's Barry Comprehensive School pantomime, *The Panto That Goes Wrong*, was set in a fictional school in a fictional town, somewhere in Wales.**

Any similarities to real people or situations were purely coincidental.

The performance focused on a drama teacher called Mr Gazelle and his cast of actors as they rehearsed their school play, *The Night Before Christmas*. Unfortunately for him, his arch nemesis, Mr Roger Fitzgerald and his evil minions were out to ruin the play and to destroy Mr Gazelle once and for all!

The pantomime was created in school by both staff and students and featured a cast of actors from years 7 – 11 (as well as a cameo by the PE department!).

Mr Pickielniak and Mrs Ellis are grateful to everyone who helped,

supported and gave up their time to be involved in the pantomime. A huge thank you must go to Mr Hilbourne for all of his help behind the scenes and during the performances, the PE department for its contribution to the laughter, Miss Hughes for her help backstage and to Mr McNamara for his continued support of the creative arts.

The drama department would like to thank everyone who came along to support our talented group of young actors and to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Festive jumper day raises £200**

ON the last day of term, pupils and staff at Barry Comprehensive School supported the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Students donated £1

each to wear a festive jumper.

As part of their Welsh Baccalaureate 'community challenge', Will Drew, Jack Cummings and Joseph O'Sullivan raised money by taking photographs of staff and students and collected donations throughout the day.

The school raised £200 for Save The Children.

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## OLDER PEOPLE'S CHARITY SAYS A BIG THANK YOU

**OLDER people's charity, the Royal Voluntary Service, would like to say thank you to players of People's Postcode Lottery in Wales for helping us tackle loneliness and isolation this festive season.**

It's because of their support that we are able to offer Christmas lunches and events for older people, match up more Good Neighbours volunteers, run community transport schemes, and offer social activities such as

dance clubs and craft groups.

Christmas is a time most of us look forward to, but for many older people who will be spending it alone this year, it can be a very sad and lonely time.

Our services become even more vital at this time and we are very grateful to players of People's Postcode Lottery for supporting us in making sure that no older person is on their own.

**David McCullough, (Chief Executive, Royal Voluntary Service).**



## Boverton author publishes third book in trilogy



**Anthony Lavisher.** BOVERTON author Anthony Lavisher, who works at Barry Library, is celebrating the release of his fantasy novel *Vengeance of a Storm*.

It's the final part of his 'Storm Trilogy' and is the culmination of seven years work – from conception to publication of the third book.

Anthony describes the trilogy as "A modern tale, from older times."

He explained: "It is set in the mythical land of the Four Valleys. The trilogy follows the epic story of two



unfortunates, caught up in a dark plot, full of treachery, intrigue and adventure."

It is in the style of David Gemmell and George RR Martin.

Anthony said: "I have been touched by the response my books have

received. I write my books to appeal to all readers not just fans of the fantasy genre."

Anthony's novels can be purchased online in paperback and eBook; or ordered from local bookshops; or from Amazon.

## Pupils sing carols for home residents



**LAST** week, children from Llancafarn Primary school choir visited Bella Vista nursing home in Barry to spend time with residents and get them in the Christmas mood!

They sang a selection of Christmas carols while the audience clapped and sang along; afterwards, they enjoyed festive biscuits and mince pies

together.

Our thanks to Llancafarn resident Mrs Lewis, for giving up her valuable time to come into school and work with the choir, and for joining us on our visit. Thank you to the staff and residents of the nursing home for making us so very welcome.

*Merry Christmas and happy New Year, from everyone at Llancafarn Primary School!*

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## Toy appeal: 'Everyone should get a present at Christmas'



## Dogs Trust Bridgend thanks its volunteers

**THIS** Christmas, Dogs Trust Bridgend is paying homage to its incredible volunteers who offer year-round support to the centre's four-legged friends as they await forever homes.

The Trust relies on volunteers to help out with a variety of tasks over the festive period and Christmas Day – from cleaning the kennels to walking the dogs; some also help give out special treats that have been saved especially for the dogs.

Richard Goss has been a volunteer for Dogs Trust Bridgend for 10 years, walking the dogs, socialising with them and attending events, which he does dressed as a dog!

Richard said: "When I was asked if I could help out over the festive period, I jumped at the chance – I can't think of anywhere else I'd rather be! Throughout the year,



*Volunteer Richard Goss (left) with Tia the Collie.*

we all work so hard to give the dogs the best possible time while they wait for their forever homes and we feel it's especially important to do that over Christmas.

"While the dogs don't know it's Christmas and we can't offer them their own sofa or a roaring fire to relax in front of, we will be making sure they all feel special and don't miss out on any of the fun!"

Dogs Trust is reliant on its team of volunteers, which is now nearing 1,500 extra helpers including 75 at Dogs

Trust Bridgend, and each and every one makes a difference to the dogs lives and helps ensure the kennels are full of happy hounds whilst they wait to meet their special someone. From helping in the laundry room to getting into the kennel for some 'cuddle time' with the dogs, the host of volunteers are an integral to Dogs Trust.

If you would like to help, contact Dogs Trust on 0300 303 0292, or call at Bridgend rehoming centre; see [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk).

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## CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AT THE DOGS TRUST!



*Dogs Trust Bridgend staff – and dogs! – were getting into the festive spirit on 'Christmas Jumper Day' recently.*

**CARDIFF** and Vale College staff have backed the St David's Toy Appeal, a local charity that aims to ensure every child in south Wales receives a gift this Christmas.

Staff donated toys and gifts that will be distributed to young people who might be facing Christmas Day in hospital, or who may otherwise not receive a present because of other reasons

The charities supported by the St David's and Capital FM Toy Appeal are Sparkle, Salvation Army, Dreams and Wishes.

Gibbonsdown, Latch, Y Bont, Action for Children, Ty Hafan, Llamau, George Thomas Hospice, Home-Start and

Valleys Kids. CAVC staff pitched in to donate around 100 Christmas presents. Last year, the appeal collected more than 5,500 toys.

Cardiff and Vale College principal and chief executive Mike James said: "There are a lot of children out there who through various reasons might not get a present this year. That's why we have decided to support this extremely worthwhile cause which supports local charities who do so much to make a difference for the south Wales community."

"Everyone should have a present at Christmas and we are happy to be able to support the St David's Toy Appeal, which does so much to help make that happen."

## Think of the carers this Christmas

**CHRISTMAS** is just around the corner – a time for family and togetherness – but for some, Christmas will be no different to any other time of year and a cause of nothing but isolation, stress and worry.

Many people in the UK are disabled or care for a disabled loved one. In many cases they are bound together 24 hours a day through the need to give and receive care and are reliant on the support of others to have even the most basic quality of life.

Revitalise is a charity that provides much-needed respite holidays for disabled people and carers. The charity

wanted to find out about the reality of life for carers and how the responsibility of care is taking an emotional and physical toll.

Some 40 per cent of carers told us that this Christmas they will be lonely, and two thirds said they are always tired, feel mentally exhausted and have trouble sleeping. For them, having a relaxing Christmas is not an option.

Revitalise enhances the lives of thousands of disabled people and carers each year, but there are countless thousands more in need of support. Anyone wishing to donate to the Christmas fundraising appeal should visit [www.revitalise.org.uk/christmas-campaign](http://www.revitalise.org.uk/christmas-campaign) or call 0303 303 0147.

**Colin Brook, Revitalise** ([www.revitalise.org.uk](http://www.revitalise.org.uk)) London.

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ONCE again this year, YGBM had a fabulous Christmas celebration, with contributions from the primary and secondary departments.

The hall was full, with over 150 pupils performing.

The evening began with mulled wine and contributions of mince pies from local shops.

We would like to thank all staff who coached the pupils. KH



## Pencoed level crossing closed for essential work over Christmas

**ESSENTIAL** upgrade work to improve the road surface over Pencoed level crossing will take place during the Christmas period, as part of Network Rail's Railway Upgrade Plan.

The road over the Bridgend crossing will

be closed to pedestrians and vehicles from 10pm on Saturday, December 24 to 4am on Thursday, December 29 2016.

To undertake the work safely, the level crossing will be fenced off, but pedestrians will still be able to cross over the railway using the footbridge at Pencoed station.

A diversionary route

for vehicles will be in place during this time, which will be fully signposted and the work will see only the road over the crossing closed, with access maintained to nearby properties and side-streets.

Less able pedestrians will be able to cross the railway using the nearby Penprysg Road footbridge.

**Dave Stanbury, programme manager for Network Rail Wales** said: "We would like to thank the local community and road users for bearing with us while we undertake this essential work."

"We understand that closing the road over the Christmas period is not ideal; however, the work has been carefully planned in at the time when no train services are scheduled to run on this section of track, to minimise disruption."

Alongside the work at Pencoed level crossing, Network Rail Wales is undertaking major upgrade work in the south Wales area..

It includes commissioning the £300m Cardiff area signalling renewals project to modernise the Cardiff and Valleys network – the largest signalling project of its kind to be commissioned on the rail network.

Passengers can find a breakdown of how their journey may be affected by visiting [nationalrail.co.uk/](http://nationalrail.co.uk/) Christmas or following #ChristmasWorks on Twitter.

## A LITTLE SHOEBOX JOY AT CHRISTMAS



Sasha Stoye and Rachel Pearce with the shoeboxes.

**TWENTY-five shoeboxes have been donated to Atal y Fro, which provides support for women and children in the Vale who have experienced, or are experiencing, domestic violence.**

Llantwit Major residents Sasha Stoye and Rachel Pearce have collected unwanted toiletries and beauty items, such as shampoo, body lotion, toothpaste and brushes into shoeboxes, and made them into gifts to "help women to start again and remind

them that people can and do care."

Sasha and Rachel collected items and used cash donations from family, friends and local businesses to fill the boxes and would like to say a special thank you to: Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions; Tina James – Boots, Barry; Holly Huggett – Morrisons, Barry; Simon Hunt – Filco, Llantwit Major; Heather Edwards – Spar, Llantwit Major; Julian, Store Manager – Co op, Llantwit Major; Debbie, 'Helping Hands' Co-ordinator – Wilko, Barry and Jane Burnell – Tesco, Stirling Road, Barry.

**RACHEL PEARCE**

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# SANTA BOARDS BARRY TOURIST RAILWAY!



Images by  
**MIKE  
WILCOCK**

**SANTA** arrived at Barry Tourist Railway over the weekends of December 10 and 11, and December 17 and 18.

All of the children received presents and mums and dads were able to enjoy mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

...And a GEM cameraman was on hand to capture some of the many special moments.



## The Vale's Countdown star bows out in semi-final

**THE Vale's 2016 Countdown star, Andrew Fenton, made it all the way to the semi-finals of the latest Channel 4 competition.**

Andrew (40) who works for Chris Davies Estate Agents, was an eight times winning Octochamp before making the quarter-finals on Tuesday.

Andrew (pictured) told THE GEM: "It was a fantastic Countdown game, nip and tuck all the way. I opened up an eight-point gap when my fellow contestant, John Shaw, went for 'overture' which wasn't in the dictionary and there weren't two letter Os!"

"The next five rounds saw equal scoring and on round 8, we both had the same word 'Qintar' an Albanian currency."

"Sadly, John didn't write it down, so his six points was forfeited and I opened up a 14-point gap, which I held until the penultimate round."



"There was a fairly straightforward numbers game which I missed, but John got, and therefore it was a 4-point swing in my favour – going into what was now a crucial conundrum."

"With two seconds left of the 30, John buzzed, which sent my heart into spasm! Fortunately, he was only jesting, as he didn't know it and I was victorious and moved into the semi-finals which took place yesterday, Wednesday, December 21."

"Sadly, I lost this game against Martin Hurst. He was far better on the day at the letters and the numbers and won fairly comfortably. He moves into the final tomorrow (Friday)."

## Ty Hafan lottery

**THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjack pot lottery draw number D963.**

● **£2,000:** 711247.  
● **The rollover, which now stands at £10,000 was not won this week.**

● **£10:** 437107, 255834, 402269, 878651, 119673, 471985, 752725, 314849, 232166, 155011, 167462, 659179, 227584, 146762, 329371, 157990, 152018, 702069, 491515.  
● **£5:** 130412, 201519, 493912, 838450, 663196, 662612, 642295, 569803, 379252, 338691, 783376, 388514, 531166, 390380, 118248, 336797, 481475, 627096, 669648,

462305, 121381, 238535, 600852, 438269, 139936, 613430, 542827, 672985, 295553, 199116, 319724, 567653, 870049, 484567, 447358, 129488, 217304, 644365, 392172, 732006, 605611, 696781, 116837, 427297, 634247, 499749, 573988, 161934, 511446, 793137, 638492, 924657, 482487, 869359, 1584, 1315, 1267, 5236, 1619032, 1076625, 1182028.

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

**Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990  
Town and Country Planning  
(Development Management Procedure)  
(Wales) Order 2012**

**Development that may affect a Conservation Area/  
Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth**

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2016/01275/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Proposed pair of semi-detached 2 bedroom dwellings  
Location/Lleoliad: Car park, r/o 2, Stanwell Road, Penarth  
Conservation Area/Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

**Listed Building Consent/  
Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig**

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2016/01413/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Removal and re-installment of slate roof and lead gully  
Location/Lleoliad: Kingscombe, Llanmihangel Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge

Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2016/01434/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Change of use of coach house and cheese house into 4 no. additional holiday accommodation units, demolition of single storey lean-to attached to coach house and replacement with single storey conservatory, and internal and external alterations and associated works  
Location/Lleoliad: Coach House and Cheese House at Gileston Manor, Gileston Road, Gileston

Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

**Affecting setting of a Listed Building/  
Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig**

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2016/01425/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Change of use of coach house and cheese house into 4 no. additional holiday accommodation units, demolition of single storey lean-to attached to coach house and replacement with single storey conservatory, and internal and external alterations and associated works  
Location/Lleoliad: Coach House and Cheese House at Gileston Manor, Gileston Road, Gileston  
Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting the Pigsty, Stable Block, Cheesehouse, the Cross in churchyard of the Church of St. Giles which are all Grade II Listed Buildings. Also affecting Gileston Manor and the Church of St. Giles which are Grade II\* Listed Buildings

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

**Dated / Dyddiedig: 22 December, 2016**

**V. L. Robinson  
Operational Manager,  
Regeneration and Planning,  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT**



## Brainy Friends will be collecting for charity



*The Brainy Friends – a group of brain-injury survivors who met through Headway – will be collecting for the head injury charity during the Barry Island Swim on New Year's Day.*



# Royal visitor for the Prime Cymru winner

Prince Charles visited the winner of the Prime Cymru Green Business Award, Dave Marchant, at his Coedcae tree business in Pencoed on Friday.

Prime Cymru – the Prince's Initiative for Mature Enterprise in Wales – assists people over the age of 50 to start their own business, or find employment.

Prime Cymru's business awards celebrate the work of those who have been supported by the charity.

The Green Award, sponsored by Vale resident Heather Stephen's Waterloo Foundation, was established to recognise those who have worked hard to put sustainability at the core of their business.

Mr Marchant won the award for his work producing trees in harmony with their life cycle, and making logs and furniture from the timber. His business also involves producing electricity for homes with green energy through biomass boilers.

At the Prime Cymru ceremony, at which Mr Marchant received the award, the Prince, who was accompanied by Welsh Secretary Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale of Glamorgan, spoke



Above and below, the royal visitor in discussion at Coedcae.

about the success of investing in businesses such as Coedcae.

He said: "You get an even more successful result from the investment in helping older people to set up their own business."

"Their survivability and sustainability is that much more likely at that age."

Mr Cairns commented: "It was fantastic to see the work of older business people supported by Prime Cymru, particularly Mr Marchant's environmentally-sensitive enterprise."

"I am very grateful to the Vale's Heather Stephens for her Waterloo Foundation's sponsorship of the Green Award."

For more information, visit [www.primecymru.co.uk](http://www.primecymru.co.uk); [www.waterloofoundation.org.uk](http://www.waterloofoundation.org.uk) and [www.coedcaeservices.co.uk](http://www.coedcaeservices.co.uk).

## Strolling on the dock of the Bay

**THE Last outing of 2016 by the Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers was an enjoyable walk in the Cardiff bay area.**

Meeting at The Oystercatcher, the walk was enjoyed by 24 ramblers including two visitors from Singapore who are on an exchange visit to Edinburgh, but were enjoying a break in Wales.

The walk was in an anti-clockwise direction, and although the weather was not as sunny as we would have hoped, the fog afforded us some eerie photographs of the boats moored in the marina and the buildings in the city centre, which seemed to rise out of the fog.

Crossing the barrage is always a pleasant experience, and along the way we were able to learn more about the history of Cardiff docks and the part it played in the expedition led by Captain Scott all those years ago.

Our visitors from Singapore found the history of the area a fascinating topic, and particularly enjoyed a quick look at the Doctor

Who Experience as we wandered past!

After a short break in the Bay, the walk continued through the nature reserve with its excellent network of paths that makes the walk accessible to all.

The sculpture which depicts Cader Idris brought back memories for some of the group, who earlier in the year had spent a weekend at Dolgellau and climbed the real thing.

It was amazing to see the developments that have taken place and still continue to do so as we made our way back towards the International Water Centre, before heading back to the start, crossing Pont y Werin. For one of our members it holds special memories as it was a project that he had been involved in.

The post walk drink was enjoyed at The Oystercatcher, and we now look forward to 2017 where there are many more interesting walks waiting for the group to enjoy.

Further information is available on [www.valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk](http://www.valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk) and also on our Facebook page.

**GWENDA FITZPATRICK**



## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**ON Christmas Eve afternoon, families and children are warmly welcomed to Christingle and 'Carols by Candlelight' at the church of Merthyr Dyfan, in Merthyr Dyfan Lane, Colcot, Barry.**

Beginning at 2.30pm and lasting for around one hour, this will be an opportunity, particularly for children, to experience the true spirit of Christmas in this ancient church.

It is one of the oldest Christian sites in Wales, believed to date from around 600AD.

The service will be taken by Father Robert Parrish and the organist will be Barry-born Father Brian Taylor.

Admission is free. Pedestrian access to the church is by the path that begins at the side of the Barry cemetery gates, cars can be driven down Merthyr Dyfan Lane, access is from Port Road and there is free car parking at the church.

There will be a special welcome to all people who live on the Colcot estate, many of whom may never have visited the church.

On the morning of Christmas Day, carols and sung Mass are at Merthyr Dyfan Church at 8.45am and at St Paul's Church Hall in St Paul's Avenue at 10.15am.

For further information, call Father Robert Parrish, on 01446 735943.

## Rhys wins with 'bravura performance'

**TWO Llantwit Major Comprehensive pupils, Rhodri and Rhys Richards, recently competed in the annual Young Musician competition run by the Rotary Club.**

The Richards brothers, Rhodri and Rhys, both played piano pieces.

Mr John Clarke, one of our governors commented: "Rhys won with a bravura performance (from memory!)" of Grieg, Bach and Bartok.

"Had this been 'Strictly Come Dancing' he would have received a standing ovation from the large audience of Cowbridge and Llantwit people. The brothers were a credit to their school." **SB**

# Llantwit head of Sony at Pencoed wins top award



ABOVE: Steve Dalton (on far left) is pictured with other business leaders.

**MANAGING director of Sony UK Technology Centre (UK TEC), Steven Dalton, who hails from Llantwit Major, has been recognised as one of the UK's most influential individuals in manufacturing at an award ceremony.**

From hundreds of nominations from across the manufacturing spectrum, Mr Dalton was included in this year's Manufacturer Top 100 list – one of just two Welsh business leaders who made the list.

He said: "It's always nice to receive recognition for the work we do here at Pencoed."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the event and it was inspiring to be with other manufacturing leaders who I was able to share ideas with."

"At Sony UK TEC, we consistently strive to be innovative – looking at new markets and ways to make us efficient – in order to ensure we have a sustainable future."

Mr Dalton, who heads 40 staff at Pencoed, has steered the business transitioning it from a high volume, low feature operation, to a more sustainable low volume, high-quality and high skilled business model.

He is on the Welsh Government's Industry Wales advisory board, is a non-executive director for FAW, and a governor of the University of South Wales.

## CUBS HAD A CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH A DIFFERENCE!



**WE had our last Cubs meeting for this year on Tuesday, December 13.**

It was a very different Christmas party, as we had the Cubs serving all the families with tea and cakes.

We were very pleased to have as our special guest, the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Liz George, to help us celebrate.

Everyone had a lovely Christmas party, with

great games played by all.

The Mayor handed some of our Cubs who are going up to Scouts in the New Year, their Silver awards, and badges they have earned.

We would like to say Happy Christmas and New Year to all who are in the Scout movement, and to everyone who supports us all the year round.

**CHRISTINE MALLETT**  
Cub Scout leader

## Volunteer tells of the special atmosphere at local hospice on Christmas Day

**CHRIS Smart has volunteered on Christmas Day for Marie Curie for a decade – but says she never feels that she is 'giving up' her holiday for the charity.**

The 60-year-old, who lives in Llandough, is the face of the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth every Christmas Day and provides 'service with a smile'.

Chris, who now works in HR but has spent the majority of her working life as a secretary/receptionist, said she felt her life skills lent themselves to the volunteer role, which she has held since 2005.

Marie Curie provides expert care and support to those living with terminal illness and their families all year through.

Its nine hospices across the UK, of which Penarth is one, are open to visitors every hour of the day.

On Christmas Day at the hospice, she says: "There is always a special atmosphere."

"Parents with their children come in to visit family and the children are usually very keen to have a chat and show off their presents."

Chris is full of admiration for the Marie Curie nurses and says: "They are very special people."

"If I can help them just a bit by being at the hospice on Christmas Day then it makes me happy."

"I love volunteering on Christmas Day. It gives me a great sense of achievement and fulfilment."

"I am content in the knowledge that, in a small way, I am contributing towards the hospice on this special day, Chris added."

## Youth Trust nets £8,000

**CONSTRUCTION charity, Tesco shoppers were invited to vote for an organisation to scoop the top grant, with CYT as one of the groups on the shortlist.**

Using the £8,000 grant CYT plans to work with young locals in partnership with Newydd Housing Association to build a sensory garden in Barry Community Garden. The supermarket teamed up with Groundwork on its Bags of Help initiative, which saw grants of £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 – all raised from the 5p bag tax – being awarded to environmental and greenspace projects.

The project will be delivered in March 2017 where the local young people will learn carpentry skills and construct a seating area for the garden.



# The Cottrell Park ladies attend presentation lunch



The ladies presentation and Christmas lunch was attended by 57 Cottrell Park ladies on Thursday, December 8.

The ladies' captain Jeannette Williams welcomed everyone and grace was said by Frances Webber, the oldest member of the club.

Jeannette was presented with the captain's brooch by Helen Poole, past captain. Following a nice meal, Jeannette thanked her committee for their tremendous support during her time in office and all the lady members for their continuing support.

Angela Padfield was thanked for the lovely table decorations. The raffle, a beautiful Christmas hamper, was made up by Alma Davies and won by Helen Evans.

The presentation followed with Margaret Thomas, the competition secretary, announcing the

results. She thanked Jen Thomas for her hard work during the year.

GUV Medal, Chris Evans; Cup of Achievement, Lowri Roberts; Macmillan Spoon, Jan Gambling; Dragon Brooch, Helen Evans; LGU Breakthrough Cancer Brooch, Jenny Knott; Golf Foundation Brooch, Andrea Caines; Grandmother's trophy and Pencarrig Cup, Jan Cosby; Llanfair Trophy, Kay Bradbury; Super Seventies Trophy, Marcia Malta; Summer eclectick Mackintosh, Lorraine P. Bell; Summer eclectick Button, Tina Morgan; Birdie Tree, Kay Bradbury and Par Trophy, Eleanor Lewis.

There were 20 monthly Stableford winners and 12 monthly medal winners.

On a grey misty day a few ladies had ventured out to play before lunch and a nine hole Stableford competition, won by Regina Drew with 13 points.

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EVAN WILLIAMS' six-year-old bay gelding Clyne made it four wins in a row when landing the 32Red.Com Handicap Hurdle at fog-bound Haydock Park last Saturday.

Carrying top weight of 11st, 12lbs, the 6-1 chance ridden by Adam Wedge landed the first prize of £12,512 when beating Le Rocher partnered by Lizzie Kelly in a close finish.

Owing to the poor visibility no official times or distances were given but a happy Wedge said: "It was a messy old race but the conditions

were safe as we jockeys look out for each other and at the finish my mount stuck his neck out."

**ISABEL'S FIRST WIN UNDER RULES**  
Isabel Williams, aged 19, daughter of Llancarfan's Evan and Catherine Williams, chalked-up her first win under National Hunt rules when landing the Free Spins At 188Bet Casino Amateur Riders' Handicap Hurdle at Exeter last Thursday.

Isabel riding her father's seven-year-old bay gelding AbbeyGrey, which went off the 3-1 favourite in a field of 13 runners, won by two and a quarter lengths from Late Shipment.

Isabel rode a well judged and patient race and she said: "It might take some time to sink in as it's my first winner under rules from four rides. I couldn't be more pleased and relieved all in one go as it matters a lot getting this one on the board."

Her proud and emotional father said: "This horse is more than a character and he wouldn't want to go to the front too soon. I instructed Isabel to be patient and to get him into the race as late as possible and she followed my orders to the letter and rode a perfect race."

Last May at the mud soaked Gelligaer Farmers Hunt

Steeplechases, Isabel rode her first point-to-point winner when taking the young horse maiden event on Tenant Farmer.

She's also had a couple of rides on the flat in which she has been placed too, and the odds are that we will be reading a lot more about this promising young rider in the future.

Meanwhile, Evan had more to smile about 24 hours later when his five-year-old De Dollar Man won the BetFred TV Standard Open National Hunt Flat Race at Uttoxeter under stable jockey Paul Moloney.

BRIAN LEE

## GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU MANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)  
(GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 1) 2017

1. Hysbysir trwy hyn bod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, yn bwriadu gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gosod y man parcio i bobl anabl yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 1 a gwaredur man parcio i bobl anabl yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

2. Mae modd gweld manylion llawn y cynigion yn y cyfeiriad a ddangosir isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol a rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiadau a allai fod gennych i Gyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyt.IF817) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 20 Ionawr 2017 a rhaid iddynt gynnwys eich rhesymau dros wrthwynebu.

3. Gyda golwg ar Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad i Wybodaeth) 1985, rhoddir gwybod i bersonau sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig fod y Cyngor hwn gorffod gwneud unrhyw sylwadau a dderbynnir i wrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig ar gael i'r cyhoedd edrych arnynt.

Mae'r Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol i gael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:  
**Gorchymyn Gwahardd a Chyfyngu Mannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013**

### ATODLEN 1

**Insert Map of the Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places**  
**Heol Holltwn, y Barri (AU53)**

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o bwynt 5.5 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Burlington Street tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 6.6 metr.

### ATODLEN 2

**Insert Map of the Proposed Removal of Disabled Persons Parking Place**  
**Burlington Street, y Barri (AU53)**

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o bwynt 10.5 metr i'r de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Heol Holltwn tua'r de-ddwyrain am 5.2 metr.

Dyddiedig 22 Rhagfyr 2016

M. E. Punter,  
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai,  
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,  
Yr Alpau, Gwenfö CF5 6AA.



## GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(BROCK STREET, CARUW CLOSE LYDSTEP ROAD Y BARRI (RHAN))  
(CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) 2016

1. Ar 22 Rhagfyr 2016, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) Orchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodienni isod:

2. Adwaenir y Gorchymyn fel "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Brock Street, Caruw Close Lydstep Road y Barri (Rhan)) (Cau Ffyrdd) (Dros Dro)" 2016.

### ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn gyrru neu'n gadael i gerbyd deithio yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

### ATODLEN 2

#### Lleoliad

1/Brock Street, y Barri o'r gyffordd â Heol y Bont-faen am 30m i'r gogledd.

Bydd gwyradau ar hyd y rhan o Brock Street, Coldbrook Road a Cowbridge Street a fydd yn parhau i fod ar agor.

2/Caruw Close, y Barri o'r gyffordd â Lydstep Road am 20m i'r gogledd-ddwyrain.

Bydd gwyradau ar gyfer traffig ar hyd ffordd dros dro a gaiff ei hadeiladu wrth ochr y safle gwaith.

3/Bydd Lystep Road, y Barri ar gau rhwng y gyffordd â Redberth Close a Solva Close. Caniateir mynediad i drigolion o un ochr y cau neu'r llall.

Bydd gwyradau ar gyfer traffig ar hyd Collard Crescent, Dyfan Road, Treharne Road, St Brides Way, Ramsey Road, a Skomer Road.

**Rheswm** Galluogi gwaith gwella Rheoli Llifoedd Coldbrook.

**Hyd** O 7.00am ddydd Mercher 4 Ionawr 2017 am hyd at 18 mis.

**DS:** Caniateir mynediad i gerddwyr drwy'r amser.

Dyddiedig 22 Rhagfyr 2016

M. E. Punter,  
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai  
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,  
The Alps, Gwenfö, CF5 6AA.



## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(BROCK STREET, CARUW CLOSE LYDSTEP ROAD BARRY (PART))  
(ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2016

1. On 22nd December 2016 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Brock Street, Caruw Close Lydstep Road Barry (Part)) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2016.

### SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

### SCHEDULE 2

#### Location

1/Brock Street, Barry from its junction with Cowbridge Road for a distance of 30m in a northerly direction.

Divisions via the remaining open section of Brock street, Coldbrook Road and Cowbridge Street.

2/Caruw Close, Barry from its junction with Lydstep Road for a distance of 20m in a north easterly direction.

Divisions for traffic will be available via a temporary road that will be constructed to the side of the work area.

3/Lydstep Road, Barry will be closed between its junctions with Redberth Close and Solva Close, access for residents will be maintained from one side of the closure or the other.

Divisions for traffic will be in place via Collard Crescent, Dyfan Road, Treharne Road, St Brides Way, Ramsey Road, and Skomer Road.

**Reason** To allow Coldbrook Flood Management improvement works to take place.

**Duration** From 7.00am on Wednesday 4th January 2017 for a maximum period of 18 Months.

**NB:** Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Dated this 22nd day of December 2016

M. E. Punter,  
Director of Environment & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.



# Seaview Lads Angling Club

THE year has closed with our Christmas competition being fiercely contested.

Fished over two legs, the winner of the first leg was Mike Langford while Glyn Warner took the honours in the second leg.

Gary Mitchell landed the biggest fish on the day, a 4lb eel. The overall winner was Paul Crook with Glyn Warner in second place.

Over both legs eels have made up the weights with a few scraps and hardly any cod – a far cry from the days when massive weights of whiting were dragged to the scales and any cod under 5lb was called a codling!

Overall fishing in 2016 has been below par although some exceptional catches have been landed – just often enough to maintain

interest.

The boats have been much the same. Species have included many rays, some nice bass and occasional specimens, especially on trips away from the area.

The travelling fraternity have enjoyed some excellent trips, both in angling and social terms, with trips to Weymouth, Gower, Gran Canaria and Norway ensuring a wide mix of specimens and species.

Other highlights include 'Dib Dib' winning the Burt Peterson Memorial, and Don Cook and Alan Peterson taking top two places in the recent CIU match.

We look to 2017 with high hopes that fishing will pick up along with more of the lads competing for the trophies.

Merry Christmas anglers!

JC



## Vale of Glamorgan Football League news

**IN the final round of fixtures until the new year, it was another exciting weekend for Vale football.**

St Athan's title aspirations took a serious hit as they crashed to a 2-1 defeat to in-form Rhose, Rhose notching their fourth league win on the bounce.

The only other result in the Premier Division saw Island Marine get back to winning ways with a 4-0 win over bottom side Masons Moving Group. Masons still without a point this season after nine games.

In Division One, league leaders Barry Athletic B routed Glenbrook 8-1 - the result sees Athletic B go three points clear at the top although second place Barry Belgrade have two games in hand.

Third placed FC Pumas lost ground at the top as they were stunned 4-0 by Cadoxton Barry and fourth place SP Billy were held 3-3 by Cardiff Airport, the result lifting Airport off the bottom on goal difference.

Dockers continued their good form and made it five games without a loss as they shocked fifth place Cogan Coronation 6-1.

Cogan's inconsistent season continuing, that's two wins and two

defeats in their last four.

Another inconsistent side is Sully, they stayed sixth with a 5-3 win over Cadoxton Athletic.

With the top four so close together, and if Cogan and Sully could find consistent form, with Dockers on a good run, Division One could be wide open in the second half of the season.

In Division Two, Cadoxton Imps' undefeated run is over as Penarth Town B impressively dispatched them 4-2.

Imps' first loss in 14 games, they remain four points clear at the top. Penarth B meanwhile find themselves edging into the title race as they are three points behind second with a game in hand.

That team in second Barry Saints won a ten goal thriller 6-4 over Rhose B and will be smelling blood in their pursuit of top spot.

Finally, Island Marine B made it a good day for the club as they won 2-0 against Barry Albion B to go within a point of fourth with a game in hand.

*The league now takes a Christmas break and will return on January, weather permitting of course. All in the Vale league wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

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## Honourable draw for the Bridgend Sports under-11s

**BRIDGEND SPORTS under-11s hosted**

**Nantyllyon in a pool fixture for their final game of 2016; Nanty had secured a 25-15 victory in the fixture at Maesteg Park at the end of October.**

While it is the time for Christmas spirit, a tough competitive fixture was anticipated between the two teams but both sides agreed for player changes at 10 minute periods to ensure all players had equal game time.

Nanty won the toss and opted to kick off. The Sports with a large squad of 20 on the day showed early attacking intent, Dylan Morgan fielded the ball from the kick off ran and passed



to Meg Lewis who made ground before passing to Mackenzie Dent and then onto wing Iestyn John who was held up.

Nanty conceded a penalty, this allowed the Sports to sustain the early pressure. Opting to move the ball back to Iestyn John he switched play to the opposite touch line then passed

to Cian John and Dylan Morgan who put Tom Chick into half a metre of space.

With his pace he made no mistake as he raced down the wing to score.

With both sides showing an ambition to move the ball, it didn't take Nantyllyon long to hit back. They were initially contained

within their half but Leo Quinn saw an opportunity to beat a defender and then in acres of space, he accelerated away to bring the scores level.

Nantyllyon then injected some pace into their game to mount and sustain several attacks on the Sports line.

They were kept at bay by some solid defending and counter rucking, which eventually saw the home side steal possession and then mount several attacks of their own varying play with Jack Short,

Mackenzie Dent and Meg Lewis taking the direct route and then utilising the more subtle handling skills of the backs: Cian John,

Harri Williams, Dylan Morgan, Tom Chick and Iestyn John were always looking to create space. Their reward came when Tom Coles made a break before passing to Dylan Morgan who put Tom Chick away for him to claim his second try and the Sports to lead 10-5 at the first break.

The Sports made nine changes for the second period. The changes disrupted their rhythm of play and gave an eager Nantyllyon side the opportunity to exploit some gaps.

It was, however, the Sports who scored first to extend their lead, as Jodie Keane, Callum Lewis and Dewi Worrall combined to release Joel Rogers who made no mistake in extending the home side's lead to 15-5, before Nanty used their pace effectively, particularly from the set piece moving the ball quickly.

They used this to good effect to run in four unanswered tries, with Josh Cooke claiming the first, Joe Quigley the next two and Leo Quinn the final try of the half for Nanty to turn around 25-15 in front.

In previous matches between the two sides, the Sports players would not have had the confidence to fight back against such a strong side. The young players are however developing

and growing in confidence. They have strength in numbers and they took the game to their opponents in the third period to force the away team into errors with good first up defence.

Mason Balmer and Meg Lewis then combined to take the Sports over the gain line but Nantyllyon secured possession from the ruck, opted to kick long which was fielded by Sports Tom Chick; he looked up and backed himself to race in for a score from 30 metres out.

Meg Lewis scored a well-earned try as she drove through the Nanty defence in the middle of the field for the next try to bring the scores all square at 25-25 going into the final quarter.

In the final quarter, both sides moved the ball through the hands well. Morgan Liddle edged the away team in front when he snapped up a loose Sports pass and sprinted away to score.

The Sports hit back again as Chloe Gant passed to Mackenzie Dent who broke the line, Tyler Burton and Ieuan Pilliner kept the Sports going forward before the backs combined with Cian John, Callum Lewis and Dylan Morgan making ground to force Nantyllyon to concede a penalty deep in their half.

The Sports took it quickly, for Mackenzie Dent to break through to claim the final try. It was a game that started with plenty of Christmas spirit and the spice got added, which resulted in both teams heading off into the Christmas break, sharing the spoils at 30-30.

**Squad:** Callum Lewis; Chloe Gant; Cian John; Dewi Worrall; Dylan Morgan; Harri Edmunds; Harri Williams; Iestyn John; Ieuan Pilliner; Jack Short; Jodie Keane; Joel Rogers; Mackenzie Dent; Mason Balmer; Megan Lewis; Thomas Chick; Thomas Coles; Tyler Burton; Tyron Davies; Will Ellis. **SP**

### CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (CEMETERY ROAD, (RHAN) Y BARRI)

#### GORCHYMYN (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) 2017

1. Ar 22 Rhagfyr 2016, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) Orchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod:  
2. Adwaenir y Gorchymyn fel "Gorchymyn (Cemetery Road, (Rhan) Y Barri (Cau Ffordd) (Dros Dro)" 2017.

#### ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn gyrru neu adael i gerbyd deithio yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

#### ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad	Bydd Cemetery Road, Y Barri ar gau rhwng ei gyffyrdd â Barry Road a St Teilo Avenue.
Rheswm	Er mwyn caniatau gwaith adeiladu i fynd rhagddo ar gyfer y parc newydd yn Cemetery Road ynghyd â gwelliannau ffyrdd.
Hyd	O 07.30 ar Ddydd Mawrth 3 Ionawr 2017 am uchafswm cyfnod o 18 mis. (Rhagweliir y bydd y gwaith wedi ei gwblhau erbyn 16.30 ar Ddydd Gwener 21 Ebrill 2017 (a bod y
tywydd	yn caniatau))
Llwybr Amgen	Bydd gwyradau lleol ag arwyddion ar gyfer traffig a cherddwyr at waith ar Barry Road a St Teilo Avenue yn ystod y cau hwn.
D.S.:	NI ELLIR caniatau mynediad i gerddwyr yn ystod y cyfnod hwn.

Dyddiedig 22 Rhagfyr 2016

M. E. Punter,  
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai  
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,  
The Alps, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.



### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (CEMETERY ROAD, BARRY PART)

#### (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

1. On 22nd December 2016 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Cemetery Road, Barry (Part)) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2017.

#### SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

#### SCHEDULE 2

Location	Cemetery Road, Barry will be closed between its junctions with Barry Road and St Teilo Avenue.
Reason	To allow for construction works for the new Cemetery Road Park and road improvements to take place.
Duration	From 07.30hrs on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 for a maximum period of 18 months. (It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 16.30hrs on Friday 21st April 2017, (weather permitting))
Alt. Route	Signed local diversions for traffic and pedestrians shall be in place via Barry Road and St Teilo Avenue during this closure.
closure.	
NB:	Pedestrian access CANNOT be maintained during this closure.

Dated this 22nd day of December 2016

M. E. Punter,  
Director of Environment & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA



### GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

#### (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS SANT NICOLAS Rhif 5) (CAU DROS DRO) 2016

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) yn bwriadu, mewn dim llai na saith diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod:-

#### ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw un yn cerdded ar y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

#### ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad	Bydd Llwybr Cyhoeddus Sant Nicolas Rhif 5 yn cau o'r pwynt y mae'r llwybr yn cwrdd â'r A48 ar bwynt cyfeirnod grid 309364 174402 ac yn parhau tua'r gogledd i'w dal at bwynt cyfeirnod grid 309364 174526.
Llwybr Arall	Yn ystod y cyfnod cau, bydd ffordd arall ar hyd Llwybr troed dros dro ar gael i'r dwyrain o'r llwybr troed hwn. Bydd y gwyriad dros dro yn dilyn ymyl yr A48 at y cae y mae mynediad iddo yn mhywnt cyfeirnod grid 309429 174431.
Rheswm	Cynnal diogelwch cyhoeddus yn ystod cyfnod y gwaith adeiladu.
Hyd	O 7.00am ddydd Llun 9 Ionawr 2017 tan 23.59 nos Sul 9 Gorffennaf 2017.

Dyddiedig 22 Rhagfyr 2016

M. E. Punter,  
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### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

#### (ST NICHOLAS PUBLIC FOOTPATH No.5) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:-

#### SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

#### SCHEDULE 2

Location	St Nicholas Public Footpath No 5, shall be closed from the point this path meets the A48 at grid 309364 174402, and continuing in a northerly direction to grid 309364 174526.
Alt. Route	During this closure a diversion via a temporary footpath to the east of this footpath will be available. This temporary diversion shall follow the verge of the A48 to the field access at grid 309429 174431.
Reason	To maintain public safety during construction works.
Duration	From 7.00am on Monday 9th January 2017 until 23.59pm on Sunday 9th July 2017.

Dated this 22nd day of December 2016

M. E. Punter,  
Director of Environment & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



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# Late win caps off a fine year for Barry Town!

**BARRY Town United wrapped up their fixtures for 2016 with a dramatic late triumph on their travels, clinching three valuable Welsh League points at Undy Athletic on Saturday, after snatching a stoppage-time winner.**

With their Division One encounter evenly-poised at one piece, Town manager Gavin Chesterfield brought substitutes TJ Nagi and Michael Hartley into the fray. The latter would soon supply the pinpoint set piece for teammate Ryan Evans to head home.

Edging the first-half on a difficult, muddy surface, Barry had carved out a 1-0 half-time advantage, after Drew Fahiya's testing effort was wickedly deflected beyond Undy goalkeeper James Smallcombe.

The hosts, however, kept themselves in the game and were more than deserving of their second-half equaliser, James Barnes receiving the ball from an intelligent back heel and firing a grounded strike into the bottom corner, beating shotstopper Mike Lewis to cap a well-worked move.

With Evans' injury-time header tilting the contest in Barry's favour, Smallcombe threw himself forward in desperation to bolster the Undy attack, yet the Athletic were unable to snare a last-gasp equaliser, allowing Barry to leave the Causeway ground with a precious win in the bag.

With contenders Caerau, Afan Lido and Cambrian & Clydach all dropping points, fifth-placed Barry now find themselves in a favourable position heading into the Christmas break, with several games in hand on all the top

four, as the Town seek to close the six-point gap on leaders Goytre.

The team's first match of 2017 on Saturday, January 7 (2pm kick-off) will see sixth-placed Penybont return to Jenner Park, with Rhys Griffiths' squad ending the present year on a rich run of form, winning seven of their last nine Welsh League fixtures, while knocking Welsh Premier League outfit and 2015-16 finalists Airbus out of the Welsh Cup.

Meanwhile, tickets are now on sale for Barry's first cup final since 2003, as the Town take on Welsh Premier League champions and current holders The New Saints in the 2016-17 Nathaniel MG Cup final at the Cyncoed Stadium in Cardiff on Saturday, January 21 (5.15pm).

Having sold more than 150 on the opening day, tickets are priced at £7 (adults) and £3 (senior citizens/under 18s) and are available from the Jenner Suite on Thursday evenings in the run-up to the big fixture, as well as other matchday occasions, while stocks last.

A special supporters' package is also being offered at £10 per head (£5 for kids), which includes access to the Jenner Suite on the day of the game between 3pm and 4pm, as well as a cup final ticket and return travel from Jenner Park.

For further information or to secure your tickets, please contact the club via <http://www.twitter.com/BarryTownUnited> or call secretary David Cole on 07557 665 847.

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## New balls for junior football team



**BARRY football club Park Lions FC has received a donation of 30 new footballs from local McDonald's franchisee David Balcombe.**

Park Lions are a 'mini' and 'junior' football club, competing in the local under-8 and under-14 leagues. They were in need of footballs for their regular practice sessions at the Butts playing fields and contacted their MP,

Alun Cairns, who asked Mr Balcombe for help.

Mr Balcombe runs 10 of the company's franchises across south Wales, including the Barry branch on the junction of Cardiff Road and Port Road. He is passionate about helping grassroots football in conjunction with the company's campaign to support local sport.

On Saturday, Carmine Ianucci, who organises Park Lions FC, invited Mr

Balcombe and Mr Cairns to an informal ceremony with the young players at the Butts Playing fields to give thanks for the new balls.

Mr Balcombe said: "Park Lions FC is a great football club that is dedicated to helping young players from the

area enjoy the game.

"I am pleased to be able to help the club out this season and it was great to meet some of the young players and learn more about their passion for football!"

Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale, said: "Grassroots clubs such as Park Lions FC are

invaluable in helping young players get in to sport and improve their skills and confidence.

"It's fantastic the players' local McDonald's has been able to provide them with some new equipment this season and I wish them all the best."

## Barry Darts League NEWS ROUND-UP

**THE BDL would like to wish the whole of the league a merry Christmas and a Happy new year - here's hoping you get that new dart board from Santa!**

Leading the way at the halfway point in the highest out shots are Mark Driscoll 148, Rhys Armitt 140 and Simon Nettleship 127.

Robyn Loe from the Plastics C and Ray Way Poachers are the only two

men on two 180s so far this season.

The Premier League table at Christmas is: Poachers 129 points, Plastics C 106, Throws of Despair 102, Tynevydd Inn 101, Billy Ghosts 100, Park Weasles 71, Liberal Allsorts 62, Wanderers 48.

Division One: Mariners 66 126 points, Runways B 110, Raiders of the last Dart 99, Whats the Point? 89, Runways 88, Darty Rotten Scoundrels 83, Hell Raisers 49.

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## Family Notices

### LEWIS Quentin John

Peacefully on December 11 at home with the presence of his family, Quentin John, aged 72 years, of Barry, previously of Merthyr. Retired police officer. Dearly loved husband of Jean Mary. *Quentin will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Thursday, December 29. Service in the chapel at 11.15am, afterwards cremation at Coychurch Crematorium 1.15pm. No flowers by request, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for RBL and RNLI Barry Branch.

### GARLAND Delphine

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on December 18. Loving wife of the late Cyril, mum of Ruth and Bret, mother-in-law of Mike and Bev, nan of Stephen, Laura, Tom and Daniel and their partners Katie and Chris, nan of Eloise, Macy and Faye, loving sister of Fay.

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### MUSTOW Barbara

Peacefully at home, Barbara, loving wife of Cec, loving mother of Kelvin and wife Wendy. Grandmother to Dewi and Ieuan. *Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. God bless.*

Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Bonvilston on Friday, December 30 at 12.30pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major, CF32 0SB or donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Hospice, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

### REED

#### Lilian (Née Brown)

Peacefully on December 8 at the University Hospital of Wales, Lilian, aged 102 years, beloved wife to the late Ivor, loving mum of Pam. Much loved nan of Russell.

*She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.*

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at Mount Pleasant Church, Cadoton, Barry on Friday, January 6 at 11am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only. Family request black attire optional.

### COBOURNE

#### Mary

Sadly Mary died on Friday, 16th December 2016 at 'Y Bwthyn Newydd', Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. She now joins her husband, David, who died earlier this year.

*She is loved and will be missed by her children, grandchild, great grandchildren and family.*

The funeral will be held at 2.15pm on Tuesday, 10th January 2017 at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family and close friends only please. No flowers, but donations if you wish to either Cancer Research UK or Macmillan Cancer Support.

### BROWN

#### Peter

Peacefully on December 16 at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth. Peter, beloved husband to Eunice, a loving dad of Shaun, Lynne, Beverley and Ceri. Respected father-in-law of Stephen and Dean. A cherished grand pop to James, Leigh, Nicholas, Kelly and his six great grandchildren. Also a special brother to Linda.

*Peter will be greatly missed by all his extending family including in-laws, nieces and nephews whom he loved so dearly.*

Peter is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, January 3 at 2pm.

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### MOTTON May

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### BIRD

#### Eric Osborne

23.12.2014

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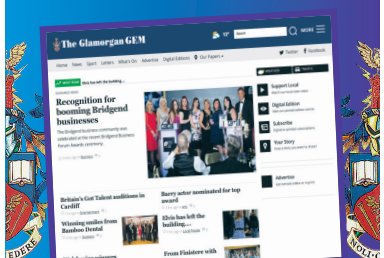
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# Rugby derby draws a bumper crowd



**LEFT and RIGHT:** Llantwit Major RFC hosted rivals Cowbridge RFC in a derby clash last weekend. Cowbridge took the spoils with a 26-5 victory.

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## Bridge results

**RESULTS from the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for December 19:**

Results of the Claret Jug competition 2016 (handicapped competition) - winners Amy Owen & John Moore 55.30%, 2nd Elaine & Alan Robins 54.73%, 3rd Anne Hughes & Trish Roe 54.36%.

Congratulations to Amy and John!  
Please note we will be having normal club night bridge on Monday, January 2.

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## Cowbridge under-14s' improved performance



**THERE was plenty of Christmas cheer for players and supporters at Llantwit Major this weekend, with the under-14s registering an impressive 12-55 win over their opposition.**

Right from the off, Cowbridge played with determination.

Jack Riley moved the ball swiftly to Charlie Locke at outside half, then brought in strong running centre Ioan Davies, who fed the ball to full-back Harry Whitcher. His jinking

run brought him a well-finished try under the posts.

The next try followed with again some good back play, resulting in Luke Gregory picking up close to the line and using his strength to batter over.

Llantwit Major hit back from the kick-off, and in fairness secured a length-of-the-field try, which brought them back into the game.

Just before half time, some good forward pressure with David Harris, Lucas Reid and Dewi Decaux made the hard yards; Will Clarke drove powerfully over

the line.

In fact, it was the first of four tries from Will, all powerhouse drives from close range which the opposition struggled to cope with.

Cowbridge pressure continued in the second half with Jack Riley taking a quick tap, feeding no 8 Dave Harris, who sold a cheeky dummy to enable him to cross the line.

Llantwit then lost a player due to injury and went down to 14 men, which magnanimously was met with Cowbridge dropping to 14 players (the home

side regrettably had no subs). Llantwit fought back with a well-deserved try.

Luke Gregory and Ioan Davies both responded, scoring under the posts for Cowbridge shortly after.

The final try of the match came from James Gilvear with a 40-metre sprint for the line down the wing, with defenders unable to get close.

Luke Gregory kicked five conversions, which was a boost to the scoreline.

This was a much improved performance from Cowbridge, fielding a full squad with everyone playing a part in a well-deserved, comprehensive victory.

The match was played in good spirit, and was enjoyable to watch.

Llantwit put up a staunch defence but were, in fairness, limited with available players, which is a shame for such a long-established and well-regarded club.

However, Cowbridge under-14s will feel justifiably happy with their performance.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year - let's keep it going in 2017.

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## PG10 and Vale Sports Arena's Christmas gifts

**CHILDREN and young people from PG10 Coaching and the Vale Sports Arena recently got in the Christmas spirit.**

The children have been busy collecting boots and kit to donate to children in Sierra Leone, Gambia and toys to the Teenage Cancer Trust

Peter Griffiths of PG10 Coaching said: "Christmas is a time of giving and it is important that children know how lucky they are and give to other children living in severe poverty.

"Africa is close to my heart after football coaching in Sierra Leone; it was a humbling experience so it's important that our players have shown this gesture."

Catherine Sharp of the Vale Sports Arena said "The children have either bought or donated their toys to

children recovering in the Teenage Cancer Units and is a fantastic christmas story. We encourage all our staff and volunteers to support communities and projects within."

The Vale Sports Arena is encouraging charities to put applications forward to be the arena's official charity for 2017.

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## Ladies storm the Castle with a truly gr-eight victory!

GOING into this fixture against Caerphilly Castle, Barry Town United Ladies had a great chance to finish 2016 top of the Women's Welsh League.

This was set to be an emotional affair with Barry's stalwart Robyn Hall making her last appearance for the club before leaving to pursue a career in the army from January.

The game started off with Barry controlling possession with numerous chances going begging. Some wasteful finishing and a visiting goalkeeper in fine form thwarted the home side.

The breakthrough finally came late in the first half, and as so many times this season, it was the in-form Hungarian striker Luca Laky who opened the scoring.

Almost immediately from the restart, player coach Stacey Ayling added to her season's tally with a thunderous effort from 30 yards to put Barry 2-0 up at the break.

The second half followed a similar pattern to the first with Barry controlling the majority of possession



Robyn Hall presented with a signed shirt with captain Stevie Cook and club secretary, Gino Esposito.

but this time they were more ruthless in firing in another six goals.

Captain Stevie Cook continued to lead by example and scored two excellent goals from distance taking her tally to almost double figures for the season which is a great effort from midfield.

Laky continued to cause havoc for the Caerphilly defence and completed another fine hat-trick.

Her development in a year since joining the club has been outstanding and her link up play and eye for goal is proving a major force

## The Barry and District Ladies Skittle League

LATEST results for the Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for week commencing December 5 are as follows:

First division: SV Gals (T Warner 34) 327, Barry Stars (C Lambeth 29) 291; Pila Palas E Dyke 34) 323, Coppers (J Hartnell 35) 337; Family and Friends (S Brown 24) 241, Colcot Ladies (P Johnson 24) 210; Bakers Dozen (A Haines 31) 231, Alsorts (H James 25) 250; Space Finders (K Jackson 36) 325, Bobby's Girls (S Seldon 31) 294; Special Angels (T Jones 24) 228, Family Affair (N Jones 28) 251.

Second division: Castle Bandits (E Evans 25) 216, Witchill Widows (L Spyrou, M Curry, A Doel Davies, E Cornwell 22) 212, Roller Coasters (J Marriott 23) 216, Rhoose Starlights (P Tucknutt 27) 21, Cad Con Fillies (S Chilcott 26) 230, Airways Angels (E Lewis 22) 227; Breakaways (J Dawkins 33) 319, SV Lights (A Bird 35) 326; Clickies

(K Watts 34) 305, Castaways (M Winder 31) 301.

Third division: Little Devils (D Weston 24) 230, Challengers (J Jones, A Richards, D Dimond 27) 255; Rebels (SW Collier 27) 215, S V Ladies (S Holden 25) 234; Rugby Triers (S Blakemoore 29) 250, Twilights (C Brown 29) 249; Hill Billies (C Whymanh 33) 302, Etcetera (M Mathews 29) 289; La-Belles (C Knight 36) 341, Dolly Mixtures (L Marsh 30) 307; Westenders (J Somers 25) 224, Witches (C Kemp 26) 259.

Fourth division: Nite Outers (K Stillman 24) 224, Aristocats (M Moore, M Rogers, B Tamlyn 20) 182; Off The Rails (K Green, L Stephenson 27) 265, Guardian Angels (D Ling 32) 247; Persuaders (K Kemp 3) 234, Odd Bods (T Perry 23) 165; Liberals (S Derry 28) 259, Hell Raisers (M Davies 29) 252; Living On A Spare (M Pring, S Townsend 32) 317, Witchill Wanderers (C Reynolds, C Morrissey, V Kerslake 30) 274.

## Maesteg student Jasmine a judo triple gold winner



Ioan Harris, Scott Pearce and Jasmine Hacker-Jones.

STUDENTS from Cardiff and Vale College have swept the board at the recent Welsh Closed Judo Championships.

Jasmine Hacker, a 16-year-old level 3 sport student from Maesteg, won gold medals in three different weight categories – Cadet under-52kg, Junior under-52kg and Junior under-57kg. She also won the silver medal in the Senior under-57kg category as well.

"It was really good – I really enjoyed it," Jasmine said. "I've been taking part in judo since I was four and would like to go on to it professionally and do coaching. My course will help me with my future career."

Scott Pearce, 17, from Cardiff won double gold in Junior under-66kg and Senior under-66kg. Scott is a five-times Welsh champion, is number one in Wales for under-21s in his weight category and was graded second in the UK until he moved into a new age bracket this year – he is now eighth in the UK.

Ioan Harris is also studying A-Levels at CAVC, in maths and physical education. The 16-year-old from Maesteg is also a five-times Welsh champion in his category and this year won silver in the British Championships and bronze in the Schools Games.

"I feel like it's been a year of great achievements," Ioan said. "I could have done a bit more but you're always going to feel like that. The course I'm doing at the college will help me with my career, as I would like to become a professional and a coach."

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# LOOKING BACK AT THE 2003 WELSH GRAND NATIONAL

**BINDAREE, the 2002 Martel Grand National winner, ridden by former Welsh point-to-point rider Carl Llewellyn from Pembrokeshire, was successful in this year's renewal, writes BRIAN LEE.**

Heavy rain throughout the race made things difficult for the 14 horses and riders who had faced the starter. Even so all 14 were in touch at halfway with Bindaree leading the field.

Six fences from home Sir Rembrandt, partnered by Andrew Thornton, moved up to challenge but a mistake at the next obstacle didn't do him any favours. Five fences from the finish Hedgehunter, Take The Stand, King Mistral and Akarus were all in with some sort of a chance.

However, when Kings Mistral and Akarus both fell at the fourth last fence

the race developed into a dual between Bindaree and Sir Rembrandt, and in an exciting finish Bindaree won by just half-a-length.

Winning trainer Nigel Twiston-Davies who hails from Crickhowell said: "It is great to win this race because Carl and I are both Welsh."

And in winning this year's race, Carl Llewellyn had become the first Welshman to be successful since Dick Francis, also from Pembrokeshire, had won on Crudwell in 1956.

While Bindaree emulated his former stable-mate Earth Summit by completing the Aintree Grand national and Welsh Grand National double.

Brian Lee is the author of *The Welsh Grand National from Deerstalker to Emperor's Choice* published by The History Press at £14.99.

*The Welsh Grand National takes place at Chepstow Racecourse on December 27.*

## Nicole (12) serves up a silver Salver!



**The Sue Thomas Salver is presented every year to the junior who has made the most progress or achievement in the past year at Dinas Powys Tennis Club.**

This year, Margaret Hayley was delighted to announce that the prestigious award had been won by Nicole Kells.

Nicole has just turned 12, so her achievements were recorded when she was just 11.

This was combined with time spent in commuting from London to Cardiff for the first half of the year, which was a substantial handicap, making her achievements even more remarkable.

She is now living in Penarth and is well settled in Stanwell school. This will enable her to further develop her talents to the benefit of our club and her school.

She won the South Wales Road to Wimbledon area final for those under the age of 14.

This enabled her to go to London to play in the national final. She has represented Wales under-12s, beating both the Scottish and Irish number ones in the Tri Nation event held at Cardiff Castle.

At club level she is the club champion at both the under-13 and under-16 age groups; in the under-18 age group she lost in the final to Libby Smith.

Margaret said she was sure her mother would have approved of Nicole being a most deserving recipient.

**JUST the two matches this week, and both ended with defeat for Barry by the identical margin of 3-2.**

In division 1 the Barry Bosons played the Pontypridd Barbarians. On the face of it we would have expected a close match but for the second year running Pontypridd ended up with a narrow victory.

Rhys Steele played his third match in eight days and recorded his third victory.

Steve Cunliffe maintained his unbeaten record this season with his sixth draw from nine matches. Matthew Parry also earned a draw.

This result leaves the Bosons in sixth place having played a match more than the four teams below us. However our relegation rivals all have a match to play which ironically is against one another.

When these results are in it is almost inevitable that the Bosons will be in the bottom three.

We have now played nine matches so have reached the halfway point of the season; a half term report would most certainly say 'must do better'.

In division 4 the Barry Gambits hosted a match against promotion rivals the Rhondda Spitfires.

In this case we were outgraded on all boards. This is fairly normal for the Gambits. We managed four good draws from the five boards. The other board should probably have been drawn as well.

This result drops us down to fifth place, only half a point behind second place but the teams in both second and third place have a tough game in hand.

Hopefully the Pontypridd Thirds and Bridgend D sides can do us a favour and take a big victory against the two north Cardiff sides, the Panthers and the Ravens respectively.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30 pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details, visit the website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

Phil Jones

## BARRY & DISTRICT LEAGUE TABLES AND RESULTS

### CRIB DIVISION 1:

West End 8, Wyndham Cons 7; Moors Boys 7, Liberals 8.

League table: Liberals 100, Rhooose Social 85, Wyndham Cons 82, West End Runaways 80, Moors Boys 79, West End 74, Cadoxton Cons 70.

### SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Sea View B 7, Rhooosters 0; King William XII 6, Rhooose Social B 1; Slammers 2, Liberals C 5; Rhooose Social A 5; West End D 6, Cambrian Flyers 1; Liberals A 2, Rugby Club 5; Barries Boys 1, West

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League table: West End D 56.5, King William XII 54.5, West End C 52, Allsorts 42, Rhooose Social B 42, Sea View B 41, Rugby Club 38.5, Rhooose Social C 36, Barries Boys 35.5, Rhooosters 35, Rhooose Social A 34.5, Liberals C 32.5, Slammers 32.5, Cambrian Flyers 27, Liberals A 21.5.

### SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Savoy A 1, Harbour B 4; Penarth Cons A 2, Cadoxton Cons Z 3; Rhooose Social B 3, Cadoxton Cons B 2; Penarth Cons B 3, Rhooose Social C 2; West End C 2, Wyndham Cons A 3.

League table: Harbour B 49, Savoy A 46, Cadoxton Cons Z 41, Cadoxton Cons B 31, Wyndham Cons A 29, Rhooose Social B 28, Penarth Cons A 26, Services Social B 23, West End C 22, Rhooose Social C 21, Penarth Cons B 19.

### SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

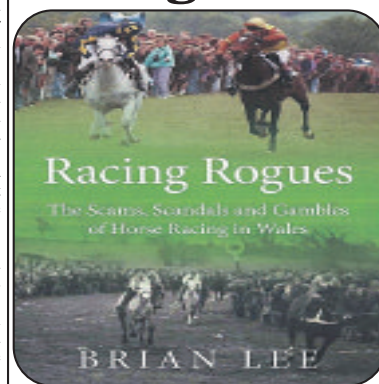
Harbour A 1, Liberators 4; Cadoxton Cons A 5, West End A 0; West End B 3, Sully Sports A 2; Market Street C 2, Savoy B 3; Wyndham Cons D 3, Market Street B 2.

League table: Liberators 43, Savoy B 40, Market Street B 36, Cadoxton Cons A 35, Wyndham Cons C 34, Harbour A 33, Market Street C 31, Wyndham Cons D 24, Sully Sports A 24, West End B 23, West End A 22 (= points deducted).

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JW

## Tales of the Racing Rogues!



**GEM columnist Brian Lee's new book *Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales* (published by St David's Press at £13.99) contains a number of stories which originate in the Vale.**

For instance, there is the story of how Llancarfan trainer Evan Williams helped his neighbour Jane Mathias pull off a nice little betting coup when her horse Lesdream won at Stratford, after being backed from 20-1 to 8-1.

There is also the astounding story of Am I Blue's controversial win at Hereford. Am I Blue was trained by leading Arabian horse trainer Delyth Thomas at Aberkenfig and as one racing reporter put it: "There was outrage in some quarters, amusement in others."

Some Glamorgan GEM readers will recall what was described as 'A Monster Gamble' at the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt Steeplechases at Ystradowen in 2002 when Nearly Noble bolted home in the open maiden race after being backed from 16-1 to off the boards.

Also included is the sad tale of a number of people living in the Vale who were robbed of many thousands of pounds by a woman who was described as 'a deluded, manipulative and thoroughly evil woman' who had shown no remorse.

Judge Graham Cottle said: "To call her a confidence trickster was far too generous a description, and went on to say 'You befriended and targeted vulnerable people in a thoroughly cold and calculating fashion and plundered their life savings. You have left a trail of financial devastation for your victims.'"

Some of the stories should bring a chuckle or two: one example being of the Cefn Cribwr farmer who was fined £100 by the Jockey Club for rubbing a dab of Vick

on his horse's nose. Another funny story being about the time owners at a flapping (unlicensed) meeting got together to fix a three horse race so that the 10-1 outsider would win.

However, the bookmakers smelled a rat and as the horses were going down to the start the bookies were screaming and shouting, "No race! No race!" - but all to no avail.

There's also the story about a point-to-pointer which was qualified with the Glamorgan Hunt and which won their members' race and several other races besides under the name of Up The Spout.

In reality Up The Spout was another horse called John French which had run under Jockey Club rules on the flat.

One of the biggest gambling coups that has ever been pulled off at a point-to-pointer was when a horse called Dead Or Alive, trained by Abbi Vaughan, wife of Aberthyn National Hunt trainer Tim Vaughan, and ridden by Cowbridge's Dean Coleman, won at the Flint and Denbigh meeting at Bangor-on-Dee in March 2009; the full story is told here for the first time.

Other stories include the elaborate switching of horses and the cutting of the telegraph wires at Bath races in 1953, which saw well-known Cardiff bookmaker Gomer Charles jailed for two years for fraud after his syndicate placed £100k worth of bets on a ringer racehorse.

Also the Oyster Maid affair, when a great gambling coup engineered at Tenby races in 1927 nearly put paid to horse racing in Wales; and was said by the Queen Mother's jockey, Dick Francis, to have been "...the most bitterly resented betting coup that National Hunt racing has ever known."

With a foreword by author Robert King and an interesting introduction by former Western Mail racing editor Brian Radford, this well-illustrated book will not only appeal to horse racing fans but also to readers of true crime.

## Champagne Trot for ladies



Jan Gambling with Jeannette Williams, ladies' captain,

**ON Thursday, December 15, which was a damp old day, the ladies of Cottrell Park competed in the Champagne Trot!**

It was a 12-hole Stableford competition, won by Jan Gambling with a very good 24 points; second Carole Duncanson 20 points; and Mary Watkins third with 19 points, on the back nine from Helen Ruttle and Helen Evans.

Following the presentation, the ladies all joined in singing Christmas carols.

CB

**CAPTAIN Ceri Morris lead his team from the front for Billy United in this much anticipated top of the table clash against the Witchill.**

The Witchill took an early lead, but they were soon pegged back by a majestic frame from captain Morris. The cue ball looked as though it was on a piece of string, as Ceri broke off and then faultlessly cleared up with one visit to the table, earning himself a 8-ball trophy in the process.

The Billy hardly put a foot wrong all night with Farrugia and Ross Taylor shining, but the stand out player was Mark Ingram, who was to go on and win both his singles matches and win his doubles with Ross Jones to win this match comfortably 8-2, a great result for Billy United.

Over at Bar Cocoa it was business as usual for Cocopops with Mile Dunn coming out player of the match. The Borough, playing Cocopops for the second

time this season, knew they had their work cut out against a team with a lot of skill and experience - needless to say the Borough were proven right with a 8-2 defeat.

At the Tadross Hotel, new captain Sean Kelly led his team against Finnegans.

In a very friendly, but competitive, atmosphere the games were all closely competed. Finnegans took a strong 5-3 lead, but the Tadross were able to pull it back and finish the night with a very respectable 5-5 draw.

This Thursday's highlight is Billy v Cocopops in the first round of the Nine Point Cup.

The league would like to wish all players Nadolig Llawen and a happy new year.

We are still looking for players of all capabilities to join, compete and have fun - please contact us by text on 07870 498738 or email us at [valeofglamorganpoolleague@gmail.com](mailto:valeofglamorganpoolleague@gmail.com).





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## Barry RFC just edge out a tense encounter with local rivals Penarth



*JUDITH DUTTON was on hand to capture the action as Barry RFC just pipped Penarth in a tight game.*



A huge defensive effort by Barry paved the way for them to stretch their unbeaten run to seven games in a tense encounter at the Reservoir Field last Saturday against local rivals Penarth.

For much of the game Barry were on the back foot, looking strangely out of sorts and unable to achieve much meaningful possession and lacking in ideas to create any sort of platform to threaten the visitors.

Using the slope to their advantage the visitors quickly took play into the home 22 and a poor clearance gave them an opportunity to attack the Barry line and breach the defence to get the opening score of the game with an unconverted try after four minutes.

Stung by this reverse,

Barry spread the ball but the move broke down well inside the visitors' territory.

Barry were rewarded for their efforts as Penarth transgressed allowing Barross to convert the first of his five successful penalties of the afternoon.

Whilst the visitors' kicking was aimed at gaining territory, Barry's tactic of going the aerial route was not proving as effective, relying on defensive errors to make any gain.

The game seesawed over the next 10 minutes, but it was the visitors who looked the more likely to score; however, their indiscipline was proving costly as they again gave Barross the chance to put Barry ahead, a chance he would take.

Penarth launched themselves into attack from the restart and Barry spent an uncomfortable few minutes defending the threat to the line; that they achieved this was a huge bonus, as Penarth finally opted to kick for goal from a penalty.

Even that didn't go to plan as it hit the upright and Barry managed to clear. Barry hooker Such was injured during this phase, to be replaced by

Rhys O'Sullivan.

As half-time neared and Barry were still not at their best, it was again to be the boot of Barross which was to extend their lead as he converted his third penalty. This was quickly followed by another and it seemed that half time would see the home side ahead at 12-5.

Penarth had other ideas and after being awarded a strange penalty they drove the lineout that followed and crossed the Barry line for a second time to leave the half time score 12-10 in Barry's favour.

Barry lost the services of Hadfield to injury, to be replaced by Miles.

With the slope advantage and a stern half-time talk from the coaches, the crowd had high hopes that they would see an improved performance as the second half got under way.

Poor defensive kicking was allowing Penarth to counter-attack and putting themselves under undue pressure which they were forced to defend.

However, a break-out from this saw the visitors again concede a penalty and again Barross was there to put Barry further ahead. The restart was

dropped by Barry and saw the start of a 10 minutes siege of their line by a rampant Penarth side.

Scrum followed scrum but the magnificent Barry defence was not to be breached and Penarth were to come away empty-handed.

S o m e w h a t understandably the efforts of both sets of players had taken its toll and the game became scrappy as errors crept into the game.

Despite spending little time in the opposing half Barry were given two opportunities at goal as Penarth continued to concede penalties. Unfortunately both these difficult chances could not be taken.

The final minutes were probably the best of the game with Barry determined to maintain their unbeaten run and the visitors knowing that a converted try could win them the game.

Both teams put tremendous effort into achieving their aim and play moved from end to end as each attacked in turn but a clear-cut chance for either side didn't materialise.

The final whistle went to the relief of the home support and in some

ways it was visitors who could have felt hard done by as they had outscored Barry by two tries to nil.

As much as that is true, the game was decided by a huge defensive performance and yet again the immaculate boot of Kyle Barross. It is said that sometimes you need to win ugly and this was one of those performances.

As the first half of the season ends, Barry have won seven of their 10 games and lie fifth in the table with a game in hand over some of the teams above them.

The next league game is on January 7 at home against Dinas Powys, currently riding high in the table, kick-off 2.30pm

The traditional Boxing Day will take place at the clubhouse, preceded by match scheduled to kick off at 11.30am, so come along and renew old friendships and make new ones.

This week's Lottery numbers were 03, 10, 13 and 22 - with no winners, the jackpot goes to £3200 this week. As Saturday is Christmas Eve, this week's draw will take place on Boxing Day during the afternoon.

AJ

## Olwen oversees plenty of fun at Brynhill Golf Club!



**BRYNHILL Golf Club's newly appointed ladies captain, Olwen Thomas, has only been in office for a month but has hosted two successful events.**

On November 29, the 'Hilarity with Hilary' evening saw ladies plus family and friends creating stunning Christmas table centres with florist Hilary West at the helm.

The annual 'Mince Pie and Wine' social event took place on Tuesday, December 13. Although the ladies did not play due to inclement weather, this did not

dampen their spirits with over 30 ladies coming along to enjoy a mince pie, a glass of wine and a natter.

A 'Best Christmas Jumper' competition took place with Andrea Page winning the coveted prize, a Ferrero Roche. Other prizes were given out to Chris Hopkins, Foundation Brooch and Jan Robertson. Also Olwen Thomas won the Winter competition on November 22.

If you are interested in joining the ladies' section of Brynhill Golf Club, then please contact Nicky the office manager.

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**Our chef would like to introduce his BEST CURRY DISHES for you to enjoy!**

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